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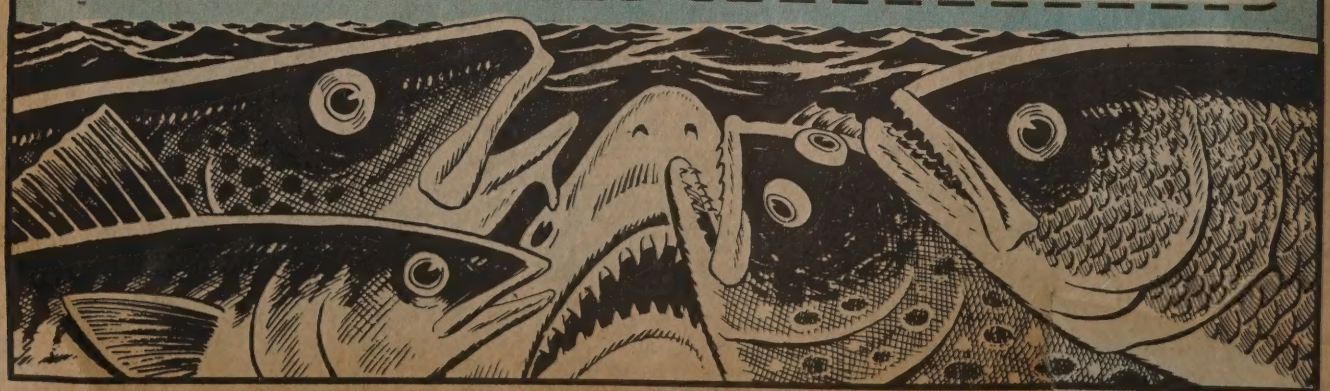

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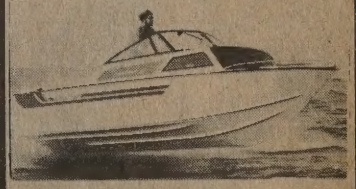

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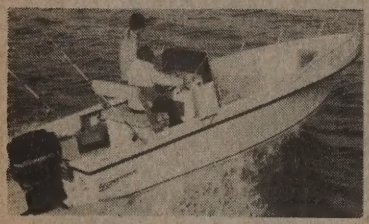
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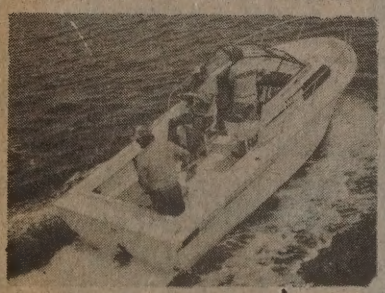
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In selecting these dates, consideration was given to the time of year when the water temperatures are in the 80s and Block Canyon teems with whites, blues, dolphin, wahoo and yellowfin.

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For entry forms and additional information, contact Carl Darenberg, Jr. at Montauk Marine Basin, West Lake Drive, Montauk, NY 11954; (516) 668-5900.

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The Second Annual Town of Hempstead Seafood Festival will be held "under the mushrooms" at the Town of Hempstead Town Park at Lido Beach located in Point Lookout on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12. Open to the general public, this festival will be the second annual salute to the Maritime Industry in Hempstead Town.

The festival, a street fair atmosphere on the beach, presents a variety of vendors offering seafood specialties, nautical supplies, sea-related items and memorabilia for sale. A Beauty Contest for the King and Queen of the Festival will be judged. On the shore, several contests will be conducted: surf-casting for everyone; fish-filleting and clam-shucking contests will be for professionals only. An award will be presented to the winners of the fishing contests for catching the largest fluke and the largest striped bass in Hempstead Town waters during the month of August.

For further information contact the Town of Hempstead Department of Industry and Commerce at (516) 489-5000, Extension 305 or 309.

JIMMY CAROLAN, BELOVED MEMBER OF FISHING COMMUNITY PASSES AWAY

On July 17, 1982 James Carolan succumbed to a heart attack. Jimmy was the proprietor of Woods and Water Sport Shop in Jamaica for many years. After losing his shop to the eminent domain of N.Y.C., he became employed by Herman's World of Sporting Goods in Valley Stream.

Jimmy was a master rod builder and had served as a consultant to Garcia and Shakespeare in the production of some of their rods. He was an inventive plug-maker with such creations as the "double popper" and the "banana plug."

He was well known among the surf fishing community along the East Coast, especially in the Rockaways and at Montauk and was a master at Peconic Bay weakfishing.

Jimmy was an inexhaustible source of fishing knowledge. He shared this rare gift with the many who knew him and for this, we thank you Jimmy from the bottom of our hearts. Your memory will always be with us.

Larry DosSantos

RENEWED INTEREST IN OCEAN DUMPING CONCERNS ENVIRONMENTALISTS

The Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 and subsequent amendments set December 31, 1981 as the deadline for an end to all ocean dumping of harmful sewage and industrial wastes. That date has come and gone, and not only are several major industries and municipalities continuing to unload waste offshore, but proposed revisions in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ocean dumping regulations seemed designed to encourage an expanded use of the ocean for numerous kinds of waste disposal.

New York and some of New Jersey's larger cities are disposing of millions of tons of contaminated sewage sludge at a site in the New York Bight just 12 miles from shore. Last November a Federal judge granted them an indefinite extension past the December 31st deadline for cessation while alternatives to the offshore site are studied. In the meantime, at least two major cities have expressed interest in returning to ocean dumping of municipal wastes, and a number of industrial permits for acid waste disposal have been renewed by the EPA.

The first indication that the EPA was reversing its long-standing policy against granting ocean dumping

permits when when land-based alternatives exist came when wthe agency failed to appeal the Federal judge's order. Now, with release of revised regulations, it becomes apparent that the EPA regards hazardous waste dispoal at sea as one solution to problems with land-based disposal, which is more expensive and where the impacts are more visible and readily measurable than at sea.

Incredibly, the fact that the effects of ocean dumping of sewage and toxic waste are not yet fully understood has convinced some in the present Administration that the sea is the place to go with society's waste products. But marine scientists agree that the ocean can never be more than a temporary solution to waste disposal problems. The capacity of the sea to absorb and dilute wastes is finite. Toxic substances remain in the ocean food chain indefinitely and will eventually find their way back to man in one form or another. In this regard, a most disturbing feature of the EPA's new policy is emphasis on monitoring wastes and disposal sites **after** dumping versus scrutinizing beforehand. And the agency's ability to perform even this function is doubtful, considering a pending cut of more than one-third in the EPA's 1983 budget.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Federal agency responsible for conducting machine research, claims that studying the long-term effects of ocean waste disposal will be stressed in its future programs. NOAA head John Byrne told the House Sub-Committee on Natural Resources at a March 3rd hearing that this research will include studying the ecological consequences of present and proposed disposal methods. But while this is meant to be reassuring, the fact is that the Sea Grant Program, which funds university marine research faces massive cuts, and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is being asked to reduce its research programs; all of which raises the question of where this research will be coming from.

To many, though, the most alarming aspect of this renewed interest in ocean dumping is the EPA's proposed lift of an 11-year moratorium in disposal of radioactive materials at sea. The seemingly unsolvable dilemma of what to do with the tons of nuclear waste already stockpiled, a dilemma aggravated by the growing number of states that are balking at the idea of burying nuclear waste within their borders and the Reagan Administration's push to expand the nuclear power industry as part of its energy independence program, has brought attention back to deep sea disposal.

According to NCMC director Ken Hinman, the prospect of increased ocean dumping of contaminated sewage, toxic and radioactive wastes is a result of the short-term, cost-effective thinking that predominates

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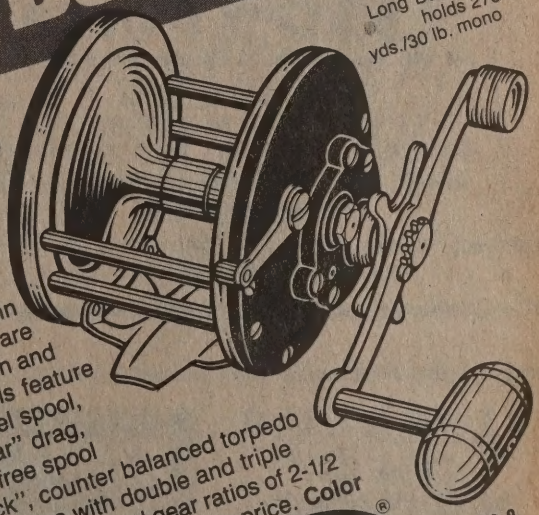

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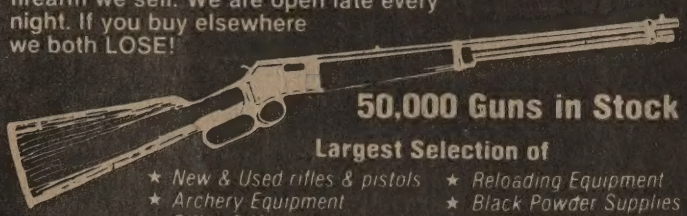
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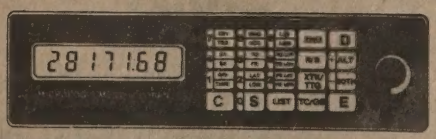
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in Washington right now. Put simply, it is politically and economically motivated, Hinman says. But the politics of ocean dumping is quickly mobilizing opposition to the proposals outlined above. Environmentalists, members of Congress, commercial and recreational fishermen have been quick to remind the Administration that a healthy ocean environment is vital to the nation's economy and its very survival. Alternatives to both ocean dumping and land-based disposal, such as containing wastes at their source, recycling and detoxification, either exist or require further exploration in technologies. Preventive control of hazardous wastes, before they are released into the environment, is the most sensible approach. To attempt to solve disposal problems on land by dumping at sea, Hinman concludes, is really just pushing the problem out of sight and out of mind, while creating a potentially more dangerous and pervasive threat to the human environment.

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NIGHT MOVES

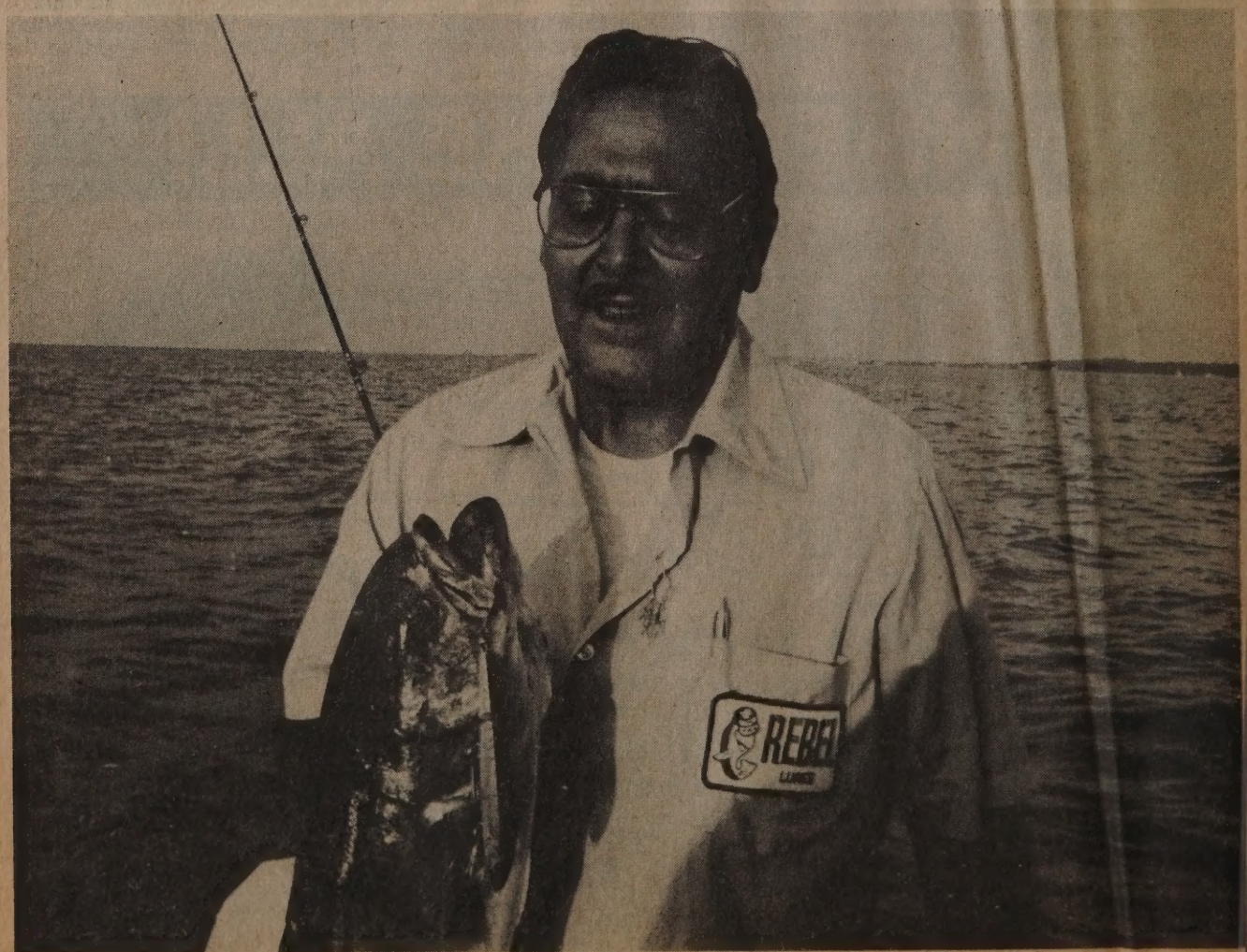
by Andy Regina

There's no telling what to expect when you work Long Island Sound under the cover of darkness.

We were after bass. Big bass. It was dark, and we were anchored off the channel behind Execution Light. And we were using porgies for bait. There were no bunker to be found in the Sound; not in any of the places we looked anyway. The "we" was Joe Batista and me, and we were in his "Georgia-B II", as usual. Normally, at that time of the year we would have been fishing on the north shore of Long Island, instead of the Westchester shore where we were. There's nothing wrong with either shore as far as we are concerned, just that our log shows that the Long Island side was "the" place in mid-summer. The run of big bass was short lived. By the time we got word of it, it was "Sorry, Charlie"—it was all over. Still, we spent a couple of fruitless nights off the beach between Sand Point and Prospect Point before we finally got the message. I don't know if we're dumb or stupid! Joe calls it dedicated and I call it tenacious, but it's either dumb or stupid because we were at least one week late! No matter how hard we tried, no matter what we used, it was no use. The bass were smarter than we were. They knew when to leave. A couple of nights later we got smart also. We left, too!

Big bass are meat eaters. With big appetites. And it takes big meals to satisfy big, hungry bass. We try to catch big bass by using big baits, such as live eels, or live menhaden, or live mackerel. Whole fresh dead baits work well also, as does fresh cut bait. As long as it is fresh and not frozen. Frozen baits don't do very well; they fall off the hook easily and just do not stand up well; they do not exude the scents and juices that fresh baits do, to attract big bass, and not least by any means, the bass have always ignored any frozen offerings we have used, every time we were forced to use them when fresh bait was unavailable.

The same thing holds true for bluefish, though not to such extremes. We have taken bluefish on frozen baits such as bunker or mackerel, but not as readily as those caught on fresh bait. That's what got us started using live porgies for bass in the first place. That pronounced reluctance towards frozen bait was brought closer to home as we boated half-porgies in increasing numbers while bottom fishing. If you never



Your bleary-eyed author with a huge bluefish taken on a jointed swimming plug after dark.

caught a half-porgy you don't know what you're missing. First you get that sharp porgy bite, then you set the hook and start reeling a struggling scup towards the surface. Then you get a terrific jolt, usually just before you can see your fish, and the struggle stops. Your line feels light as you reel it in to check it, then you find the front half of a porgy still attached to your hook. The bottom half of that porgy is inside some bluefish! When the blues are really hungry, you do not even get the front half of your porgy—they take the whole thing, hook and all! So, we started using porgy chunks while bluefishing, when we couldn't find any bunker, and that worked. Then, quite by accident I guess, some bass were taken on porgy chunks one night, which led towards our use of that bait specifically for stripers. Using whole, live porgies followed naturally.

Because we usually fish the north shore of Long Island, we have fallen into the habit of first stopping off at the stanchion off the Sands Point light to catch some porgies for our night's endeavors. Two five gallon pails each hold about six porgies alive for a while, depending on how warm the weather is or how often you change the water. When the porgies die, we take 'em out of the pail and put 'em on ice 'til we need 'em for cut bait. Joe just cuts 'em in half, making two baits out of each porgy, but I cut my chunk bait smaller, getting about four pieces from each fish. This just might be because I use small tackle. That light stuff prompts the use of light terminal tackle, so any hooks, sinkers, swivels, or lures I use then are smaller than those used with conventional tackle.

My ingrained love of light or ultralight tackle gets me into many arguments with fishing friends and colleagues on the job. I'm not crazy and I'm no showoff either. I really enjoy using light tackle even though it is considered out of place by many serious fishermen. It does have some drawbacks though, not the least of which is the fact that I have never caught a really big fish this way. Doc Muller says that I never will, either. He maintains that small hooks, small baits, or small lures just do not attract big fish in the first place, or cannot hold onto them in the second place if they ever do become attracted in the first place anyhow! And he tacitly backs his theory with that 53 lb. striper that's hanging on his wall! When I tease him about his telephone pole-sized fishing rods, he laughs, which reminds me of a story.

Joe and I were sitting off Sands Point the night of July 4th, huddled under the canvas top to keep out of the rain. Our baits had been ignored for hours and we were cold, wet and sleepy. We couldn't even watch any fireworks displays scheduled for that night because of the rain. So, when the coffee and the Johnny Black disappeared, so did we. We split, to catch some sleep before returning on the next incoming tide. Well, you know what Bobbie Burns said about the best-laid plans of mice and men, right? With one thing or another, it was exactly one week later when Joe and I got together again. Replay scene one but eliminate the rain, and you got the picture. Once more, four baited rods were in place and we were getting bored and sleepy, when we saw an awesome display of rockets bursting in the black sky over the Sound. Glen Island was instituting its first fireworks show of the season, one week late because of rain on the 4th, and we had front row seats.

Small swimming plugs like this spin Atom are particularly effective for nighttime casting.

I remarked that if a boat got into trouble that night and had to rely on its distress flares to obtain help, it was out of luck because the flares would resemble the rest of the fireworks now going off on both sides of the Sound. As if on cue, a small boat near us decided to move, but had difficulty starting its outboard motor. The motor resisted for a while, then turned over, only to conk out after the boat got out of eyesight in the dark. We could still hear the futile starting attempts off to the west a bit, then saw what we thought were distress flares in that general area. The joke was on us though, as Joe and I fell victims to our own warped imaginations. Some kids were shooting Roman candles on the beach, celebrating their own rain-delayed 4th of July!

As we roared with laughter, I thought I heard someone call my name. "Andy, is that you?," a ghostly voice called in the muffled darkness. Once again the voice called out, "Andy Regina, is that you out in that boat?" There was no doubt about it this time—some idiot was calling me in the middle of the night, in the middle of nowhere! The "idiot" turned out to be Doc Muller. He was close to shore, up to his waist in water, accompanied by his son, Drew. Both boys are beach rats, but we were all there for the same reason—big bass. They guided us close to shore with their neck lights, where the four of us spent about a half hour just rapping. I can still picture both Doc and Drew standing in three feet of water, one hand balancing long rods on their shoulders and the other hand holding onto our boat. I asked to see Doc's surf rod, calling the big stick a cannon. Naturally, he had to tease me in return, and made ne show my tackle to his son. Drew is as bad as his old man, saying that he has similar tackle for his freshwater fishing! Well, one Muller at a time is about all I can handle, so I gave Joe the eye and we left before any violence erupted. Actually, we had a piece of the outgoing tide left and we wanted to take advantage of it, but it was no use. The bass proved smarter than us again—they left a helluva lot earlier than we did!

That brings us back to where this rambling story began, off Execution Light trying for stripers in the middle of the night. When our meat sticks went ignored, I picked up a tiny rod and started to cast tiny plugs into the darkness. Four rods and two fat men in a small cockpit makes casting rather difficult, and four lines streaming into the water severely limits your casting area. Joe had one cut porgy

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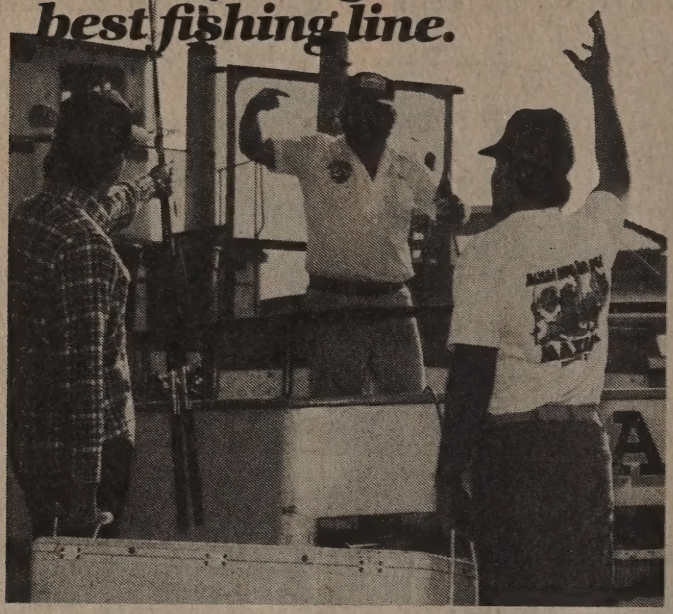
There's a certain breed of fisherman who won't use anything but the best fishing line.



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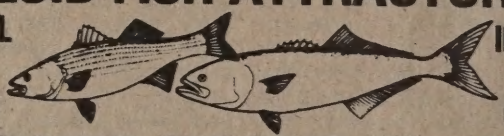

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bait on a fishfinder, smack on the bottom, and was floating whole live worms about six feet below a surface bobber. Both of my rods had porgy baits; one had a cut porgy on the bottom and the other babysat a live porgy, swimming at mid-depth. Naturally, all four reels were in free spool, with clicks activated in anticipation of cooperative bass.

With no visible targets to cast to, I assayed the turbulence made behind us as the strong incoming tide pushed past the boat. The four lines streaming aft forced me to change my plans, so I cast my plug towards the bow. The line formed a big belly as the plug was swept around and then down-current, then straightened out as the plug swam aft with the tide. I had learned through experience that you must use a slow retrieve in a strong rip or current, more so at night. In fact, there are times, again in strong rips and at night, when you don't need any retrieve at all. That night proved to be a case in point.

Doc had given me a couple of the plugs I had admired that night we met, and I was using one of them, a 5/8 oz. Spin Atom. It wiggled at the end of its tether, some 30 feet in the current behind us. I started it back in an excruciatingly slow retrieve. Something exploded in the darkness, grabbing the plug and threatening to take my rod away from me. At first, once my heart resumed its normal beat, I thought it was a cow bass, but from the battle being waged I knew that it was a large bluefish. I was right. After 10 frantic minutes, Joe sank the gaff into 15 pounds of blue dynamite—no striper, but a helluva fish at any rate. Still, we wanted bass, so we stuck to our guns, methodically checking and changing baits for another hour, but there were no bites at all.

By then I was going crazy! To me, fishing is definitely not sitting and waiting. I gotta hold that rod in my hands, working it, worrying it, even talking to it at times, but I can't stay still! I do not have the patience that many superior anglers possess, and I guess I never will. If it's a biological trait, I'm too damned old to develop it now at any rate. If it's something you learn, you know what they say about old dogs and new tricks! I exchanged the plug for a jointed Rebel swimmer, a mackerel-finished beauty, and resumed my casting. Now **that's** a habit I can't break; even if a lure is doing well, I gotta try something else to see if that works too. If it reduced my total catch, who cares anyway? I'd rather catch a couple of fish my way than 100 fish like everybody else.

Anyhow, that Rebel plug had no sooner made one or two wiggles when another watery explosion engulfed it. You guessed it, another big bluefish! We never did catch any bass that night, only bluefish on plugs, but that can happen any time you fish the Sound at night. You never really know what to expect, once you start making your night moves!

FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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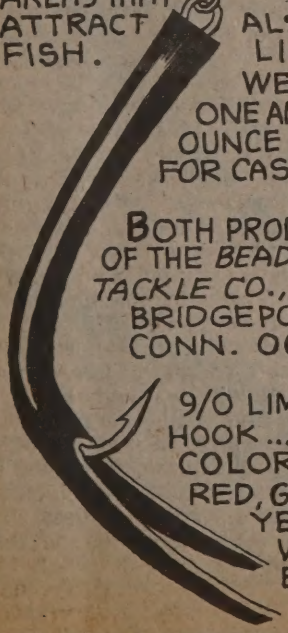

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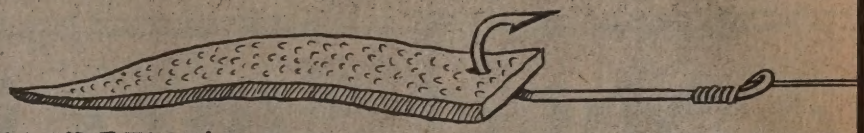

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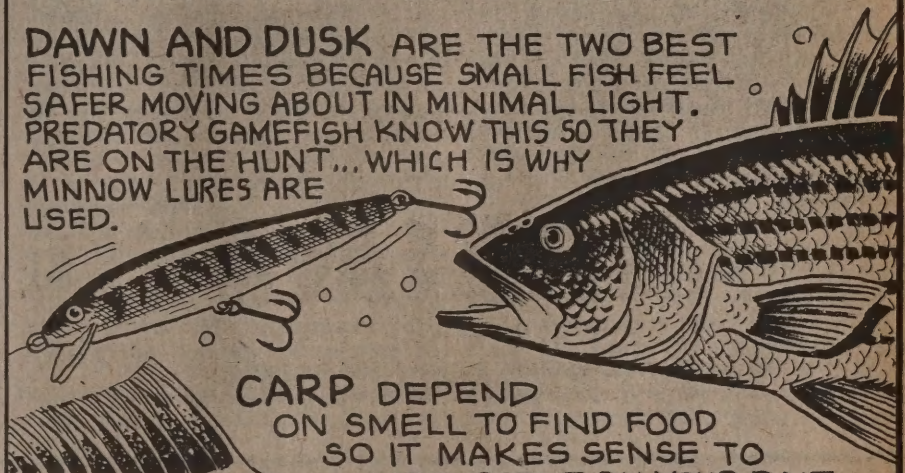

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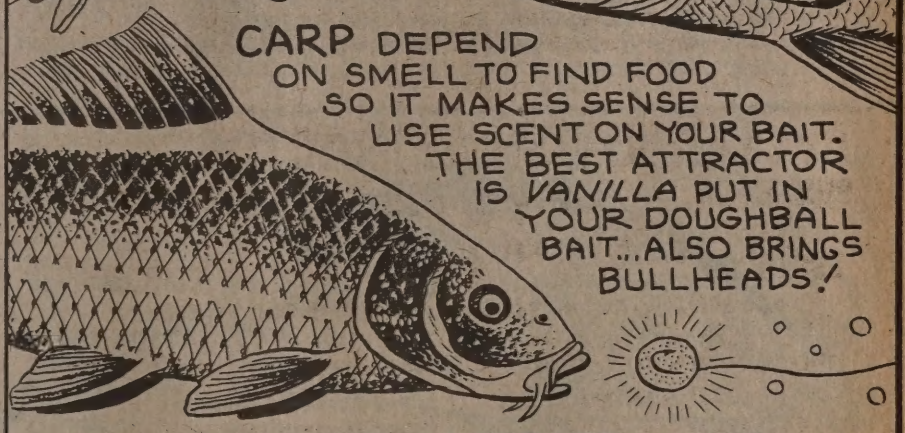

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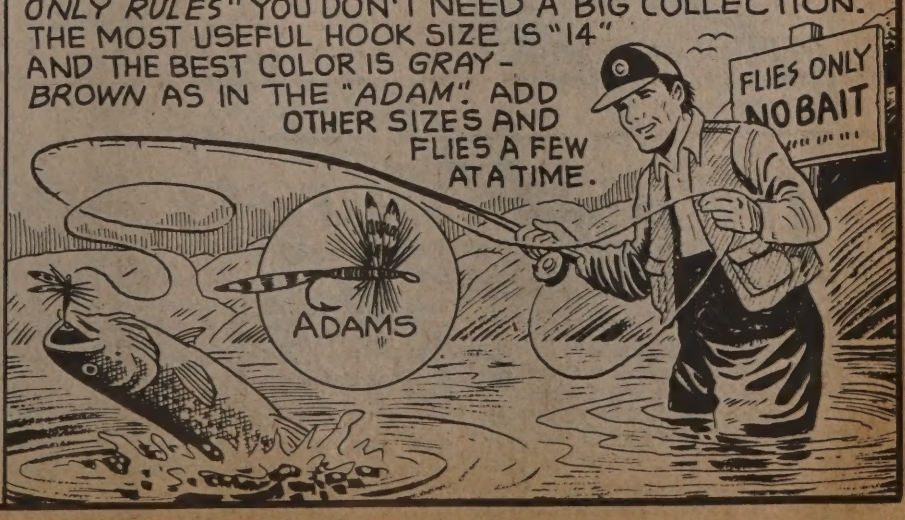


WOLF PACK

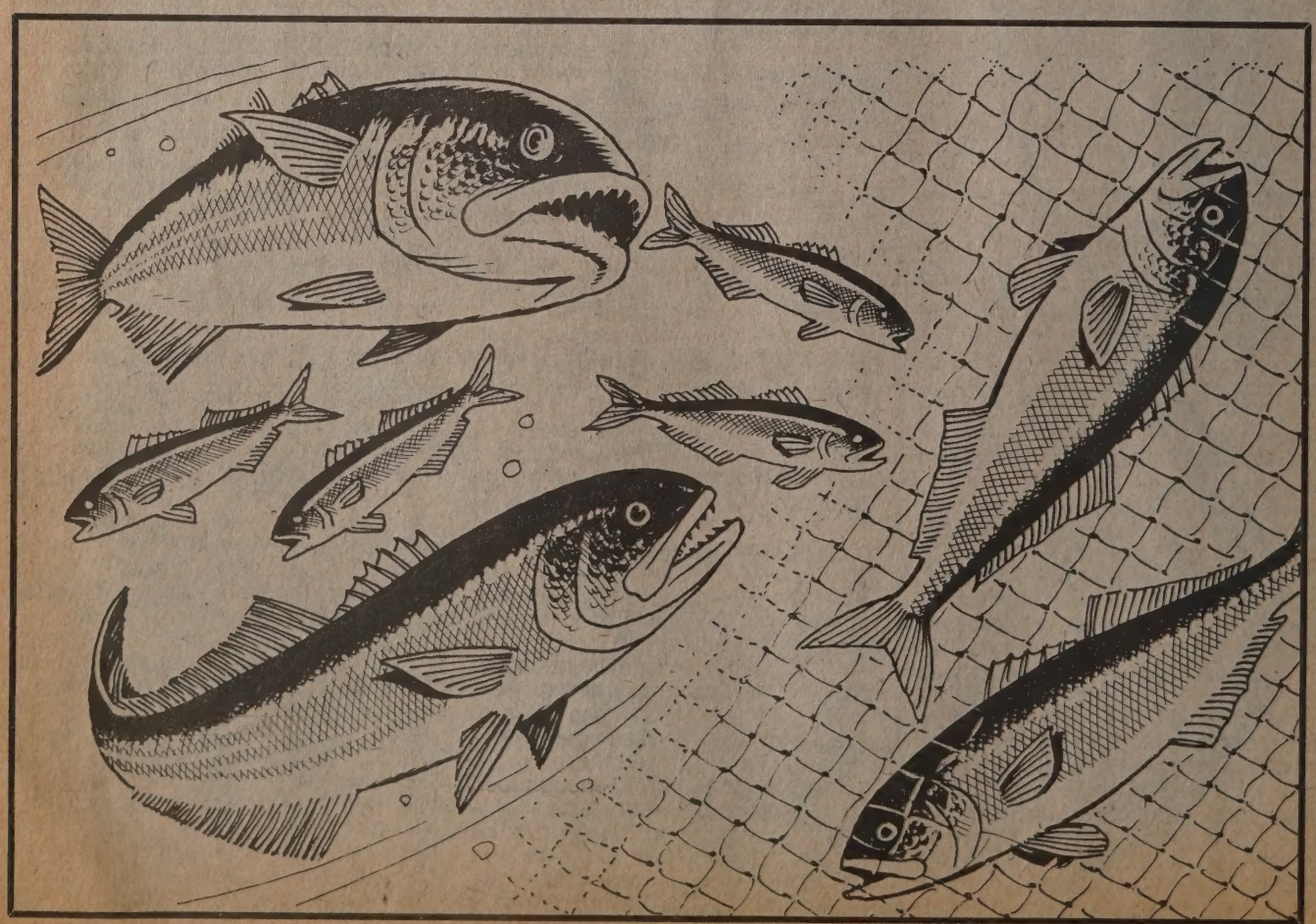
A Short Story in Serial

Part Three — *by William A. Muller*

The hooks brushed against Okosta's cheek as he turned to avoid the strike he was already committed to, and although it was too late to miss the metal lure by a substantial margin, he did prevent himself from grabbing the thing with his mouth. One of the sharp points of the treble hook caught the side of his cheek and he felt himself being pulled against his will towards the side of the channel. Okosta struggled violently and he twisted his muscles into every conceivable motion: pulling, pushing, straining. Suddenly he worked free and his body, that had been held from flight toward the center of the channel now exploded towards deeper water. Okosta swam quickly down and out, settled on the bottom, and shook his head once or twice in an attempt to shake the sting from the side of his head.

By early September Okosta was ten inches long and each day brought him more confidence. The first chill night had come and gone and the temperature of the water was beginning its annual downward slide towards winter cold. Okosta felt an inner urging now and it was telling him to move out into deeper water and find warmer water. So it was that many of the young fish he had arrived with some months ago also began to move: first out into the bay and then to those areas where the estuary emptied into the sea. On some days in late September he was swimming with tens of thousands of his own kind and the southward migration was clearly beginning in earnest.

The days of migration brought the huge schools into new waters with new experiences and dangers. The very last days of September were particularly dangerous because it was then that the schools were rounding Montauk Point and heading to the south and west in the open ocean. The larger predators were waiting almost as if they had read about this in the paper and were on hand for the predicted event the way people gather for an announced fireworks display. First there were the bass at the point itself. There weren't many of them, but they were big and when one lunged up from the rocky bottom it would swallow four and five of his cousins at a clip. They were powerful and the snappers were no match for them in this strong tidal current. The schools spread out a little after they passed the Point, but there were new dangers. There were schools of weak-



fish and they concentrated mostly on the smaller members of the schools, but by far the worst were their parents—the adult blues. Thousands of them would tear into the snappers at regular intervals. The attacks were frantic and without pattern. Okosta was able to look for the bass at the Point and move away from small stragglers when the weakfish attacked, but with the adults of his own species he was helpless. If he were to survive it would be the result of blind luck and nothing more. One evening in early October, for instance, as a school of several thousand snappers moved cautiously along the beach, a pod of immense blues appeared almost out of nowhere. At one point, Okosta saw the hulk of his older relative heading for him and the jaws opening and closing so violently that small explosive sounds could be easily heard. The massive head, the razor sharp triangular teeth, the flared lower portions of the gill covers—it was awesome and horrifying. At the last second, another of his year class shot between Okosta and the adult blue, distracting the big blue's attention and diverting his attack. His brother had been eaten. Pieces of young blues were scattered in the water like confetti on the ground after a parade, and in places the water glowed in the evening twilight with the pink tint of blood.

So it was then, day after day, attack after attack. The panic that the big blues instilled in the younger ones was so great that the occasional attacks from big bass and weakfish schools almost went unnoticed. All the little eyes bulged in all directions looking for the shape and speed attacking from the flank which meant death. In spite of the repeated and effective attacks, the schools of young blues grew as smaller schools linked up with larger ones so that the migrations became a river of snappers stretched out along the Maryland coast.

In southern waters there were new dangers and again new experiences. Okosta had survived to this point and the instincts that helped him get here were getting sharper and sharper everyday. The sporadic attacks from billfish and sharks were unwelcomed, but still did not compare to the attacks from their parents in sudden violence and savagery. Many of this year class were now fourteen and fifteen inches long, but the severity of migration stalled their growth.

Finally their migration was done. The winter passed in the quiet waters of the southern mid-Atlantic region and although predation on the young blues eased quite a bit during the winter, the great river of snappers nonetheless became smaller and smaller. The enemy was now disease and the fish recognized no danger since there was no attack. Instead, one by one his cousins and brothers and sisters became thin and weak and then simply fell to the bottom to be eaten by crabs and other bottom scavengers. The new killer was not a ferocious predator, but instead a microscopic creature that humans call virus. The attrition from this contagious viral disease was staggering, but Okosta was strong and did not become sick. As the winter came to a merciful end so, too, did the rate at which the young blues died from the unseen killer.

The waters were warming and with the warmer temperatures of the beginning of spring came the need to move again—this time north and not south. Again, the schools of fish joined together in the shallow ocean and began the trek to the north. However, this time the predation from larger bluefish was much less severe. For one thing, the almost year-old blues were big enough (14" to 18") to take them off the menu of a lot of smaller game fish; for another, most of the schools of bigger blues were still off the beach in the deep ocean, and finally they were moving north at a time when many warm water predators were still far to the south.

Off southern New Jersey, the schools were raided by an enormous group of porpoises, yet that was only one of a few incidents. The schools swarmed into estuarine waters in southern New England in late April. Water temperatures were still in the 50s, but the youngsters were so intent upon chasing small herring, sand eels, shrimp, and spearing that they hardly were bothered by the cold water. Harbor, or tailor blues the New Englanders called them, and indeed the harbors and shallow inland estuaries contained millions of them.

Unlike striped bass that settle into an area that they call home for most of a summer's season, blues are always on the move. Into Fire Island Inlet one day, out to Montauk several days later, and then to the Sound, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Massachusetts, or one of many other places in the days after that. Swim, chase, eat, and eat some more.

It was in October of the year of his first return to the waters of southern New England that Okosta faced a challenge that was almost beyond his abilities. By now, Okosta was the recognized leader of the school of blues he swam with. He was bigger, faster, stronger, and smarter than the thousand or so blues in the school. As the leader he swam in front of the school, he sniffed out food, he helped them to avoid danger, and it was he who urged the school to move when bait was scarce. Okosta had, through experience, learned to recognize many of the danger signals that could cause the death of many in his flock, but the school had just spent several days searching for food unsuccessfully and Okosta sensed the pressure on him as a leader to find enough food for the school. The stomachs of his flock were empty and the start of the arduous fall migration was near. He pushed the school out of the waters of Cape Cod Bay and south towards Montauk and in Montauk waters, they found food. Mullet, small bunker, and some sand eels were moving out of Gardiner's Bay and around the Point. The school charged into the bait as the tide roared on the ebb, but there was danger here. There were the strange contraptions used by the creatures that floated, but didn't swim. Okosta always could tell that these were not real food, but many in his flock allowed hunger to blind them to the danger. At other times Okosta might push the school to another area, but that would be only when food was plentiful. He knew he could never get them to move in this instance; the blues had to eat now! The loss of a few dozen of his kind might be a reasonable price to pay in order for the rest to fill their bellies. Then he could move them and they would follow him, without challenge to his leadership. Leaders often had to be ruthless and accept the inevitable even if it meant pain and death.

Later in the tide, their stomachs bulging, the school drifted off the Point and out of the fast moving water. They settled near the bottom to digest the meal, yet to be sated is all too temporary no matter how permanent it may appear at the point of greatest fullness. Hunger returned with the night tide and the school moved in on the beach towards the rip. This time hunger was not immediate and he pushed the school somewhat south and west of the position they held while feeding that afternoon. Food was plentiful. There were small blowfish, small bunker by the thousands, young weakfish, snapper blues, and scattered acres of sand eels. The school of Okosta charged into the food river along the beach enthusiastically. Teeth and jaws slammed together, pieces of bunker tumbled away from the side of tense jowls, streams of mucus and blood mixture drifted through the water like cirrus clouds do in the sky, and typical of the frantic manner in which blues often feed, chaos, not organization, ruled. Within minutes bait and blues raced in every direction, including up and down. Blues chopped almost at random and in so doing, they bit one of their own instead of the bait. At one point a member of Okosta's school, Pietrol, charged after a squid that somehow wandered into this mayhem. Pietrol hiked up his speed to almost forty miles an hour, failed to see Okosta suspended broadside ahead of him and butted his leader square on the flank. Okosta was stunned momentarily and began to sink towards the bottom, but within a few minutes shook it off and rejoined his school. The bait and the blues were drifting to the west; a pattern of movement that was not obvious to Okosta until he saw the wall slowly growing larger. Yet, this time it wasn't one wall, it was dozens lined up perpendicular to the beach one after the other after the other. Gillnets!

Next Week: Part IV.

MID-SUMMER FLUKING

by Matt Ahern

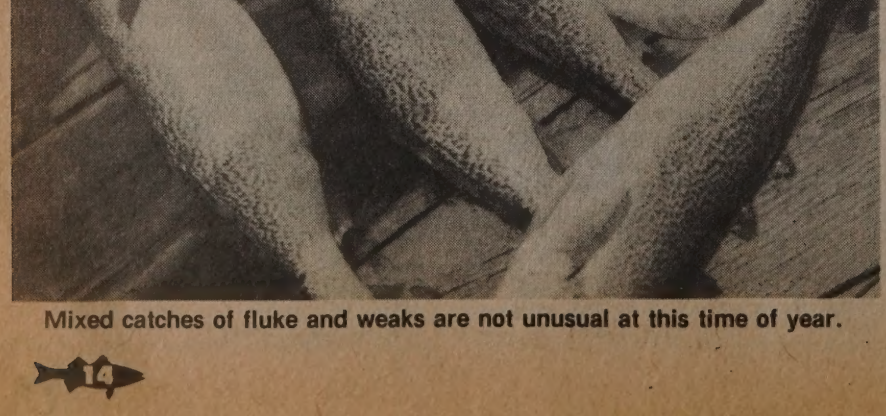
Look to the inlets when summer's heat sends water temperatures soaring.

I don't know how you've been doing, but so far this summer my fluke fishing has left much to be desired. At this writing (third week of July), I have yet to catch a fluke over three pounds. And with that, I can hear you saying: "What's so bad about that? I haven't caught one over two pounds." Yeah, I know. But how come every time I go through The Fisherman, I find photos of smiling fishermen holding up doormats? And to add insult to injury, some of these happy fishermen are youngsters. It seems everyone is doing wonders but me. Why, just the other day I received a letter from Phil Simone of Brooklyn in which he tells me his father recently made his first fishing trip ever. The result: Phil's dad finished the day with a 4 lb. fluke, a 3 lber., and several more almost as large. Boy! Phil sure knows how to hurt a guy!

Oh, well, sour grapes and all, be that as it may. I'm not really discouraged because shortly I'll have the opportunity to change all that. Soon now those fluke, those four pounders and such, will be leaving the bays and heading for the ocean inlets where not only is the water cooler but the food is more plentiful. Here they will begin to feed heavily, putting on the muscle needed for the long trek to the Continental Shelf. (Nature thinks of everything!)

What I enjoy about inlet fluke fishing at this time of year is that the chances for connecting with an outsized fluke are excellent. No longer are fluke spread out in the larger confines of the bay; here they congregate in one area. It is the smart fisherman who takes advantage of it, for it is almost like having a captive audience.

And not only are the chances of connecting greatly enhanced, but don't forget those borderline fourteen inchers returned in early summer will have added an inch or more. And certainly they will be fat. Oh, yes, inlet fluke fishing in mid-August is well worth the effort.



Mixed catches of fluke and weaks are not unusual at this time of year.

It has long been my belief that medium-weight conventional or spinning tackle is best when inlet fishing. There are several good reasons for this: those inlet fluke are likely to be a bit larger than the run-of-the-mill fish we've been catching throughout the early part of the summer. Don't be surprised if you land your largest fluke of the year at this time. Under ordinary conditions you would have no difficulty handling one of these larger fish on light tackle, but inlet fishing is not ordinary fishing.

For one thing, resign yourself to the fact that you will have to contend with stronger than normal currents when inlet fishing; and don't forget the winds have full sweep in such areas. This combination makes for faster drifts much of the time, which, in turn, makes heavier sinkers necessary. In order to handle that extra weight, a weight which on occasion may go to as much as eight ounces, you must have a rod with backbone, for even a 3 lb. fluke can cause difficulty when drifting inlet areas. Fortunately, most times you can get by with a 3 or 4 oz. sinker; but should more weight be required, you'll find the use of light tackle leaves much to be desired. In fact, using it may well spoil your day.

And don't figure you can get around this problem by anchoring. Not only is this dangerous in such areas, but anchoring will avail you naught when it comes to the nitty-gritty of enticing inlet fluke to the baited hook. You've got to cover ground and go to the fish. They won't come to you if you're at anchor—unless you are fortunate to be settled over a fluke-producing lane, which does happen on occasion—but don't count on it.

As for mono line, 15 lb. test will do okay, although some fishermen who use conventional tackle prefer twenty. But let's not quibble about it. In this respect I think it is more important to have the correct terminal tackle going for you rather than splitting hairs over mono strength.

I have found correct leader length to be of prime importance when inlet fishing. It is my thought that the usual store-bought fluke leader is much too short for this fishing. Use this material for inside-the-bay fishing if you wish, but leave it in your tackle box when drifting or casting around

inlets. My preference for inlet fishing has always been a four-foot leader. Why this extra length should make such a difference, I don't know; but it does. I'm almost certain, though, that it has something to do with bait presentation.

Again, I can hear you saying: "Where in blazes am I going to get a four foot leader?" Well, for now, if you add an ordinary, snelled 4/0 Sproat (or Carlisle) hook to a three foot leader, you will be close enough. Joining two 18" leaders, plus the hook will also give you the same result. The only fly in the ointment here is that you have the annoyance of potential weed-snagging knots to contend with, and around inlets, this can sometimes be a problem.

Anyway, for now make do with the above, but just as soon as possible send a post card to Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974, and request a copy of their free catalog. In it you will find a listing of 47" lengths of hook-snelling material in various weights. This becomes your leader material. When a loose hook is added to one end of a 20 lb. test leader and a loop made in the other, the result will be close enough.

Incidentally, if you plan on making up leaders, and so forth, you should learn how to snell hooks for a real professional-looking job. This information is sometimes hard to come by, but fret not. Send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope (#10, business size) and I'll immediately send you a free copy of DuPont's 32-page knot-tying booklet. Can't beat it for guys like us. One important thing: send your request to my home—39 King St., Hampton Bays, New York 11946—not to the office as this will cause unnecessary delay and expense. (I do all my work at home.) If you'd like more than one booklet to share with buddies, that's okay; just add an extra stamp for each booklet.

Now back to the fishing.

Rigging for inlet fluke is simplicity itself. Nothing to it. Place your leader about three inches above a suitable bank sinker. You'll find when doing this, it is best to use a 1/0 three-way swivel to avoid possible twisting and snarling in the tide-way. When rigging up, it is better to use Improved Clinch Knots rather than the common double-overhand loop many fishermen use. (The DuPont booklet shows how to make clinch knots.) But if you must use the overhand loop, make sure each knot is pulled up slowly so that it seats evenly and the strain is divided. Failure to do this may cause the material to cut into itself if a large fluke is hooked. Though I've seen this happen only when codfishing, this isn't to say it can't happen with large fluke. Why take unnecessary chances.

Fishermen use a variety of baits for fluke ranging from live killies and small snappers, to strips cut from squid, fluke belly, and sea robin. In fact, just about any fish strip or live bait will produce—most times. I say this because one time when fishing Shinnecock Inlet with my buddy Nick Hauck, the fluke would take only strips of sea robin. But this is a rare occurrence, therefore if you take along any two of the above, you should do okay.

Small boat anglers do well working south shore inlet areas.

And then there are other baits. Frozen spearing and sand eel have put many an inlet fluke in the bucket. (I might as well tell you now that I only use frozen bait when it is impossible to get fresh stuff. I just don't like to use frozen stuff—period!) I think, though, there is no finer bait for inlet fluke than fresh sand eel, with live killies and small live snappers a close second. You can add a slice of squid or fluke belly with these baits, but I prefer to fish them as is. If you can see sand eels swimming just below the surface of your fishing area, then by all means rely on these.

My main gripe about using frozen spearing or sand eel is simply this: they are difficult to keep on the hook in a natural-appearing condition. Most times these frozen baits will slide down the hook shank and become blobs of what-is-it. But if that's all you have, you will have to use it as best you can.

Here is how I rig frozen spearing or sand eel. Run the hook through the eyes and then again about mid-point in the body. If the bait still refuses to keep its natural shape, try this: hook it once only through the head...and fish it carefully! Make sure to give the fluke plenty of time to get frozen bait down its gullet. Remember, that bait is soft and any pressure applied by you against the fluke's weight before the fluke has had a chance to swallow it will only aid the fish in wrenching it from the hook. Let's face it. Fluke fishing with frozen bait is difficult at best. But if you remember to let the fluke do the hooking for you, you'll see more of them in your bucket.

So far everything written pertains to boat fishing. But what about those fellows who, for one reason or another, do their fluke fishing from shore. No problem, really, for what you've read can be applied to shore fishermen with but minor variations. Granted, though, most boat fishermen do have an edge over their shore-bound brothers most times.

I say "most times" because I've seen days when shore fishermen in the same area outfished the guys in boats. But not all did. Those who succeeded knew the basic requirement of fluke fishing: the proper presentation of bait. Fluke, or any fish for that matter, do not care one bit if you are equipped with the finest example of the tackle macker's art. What those fluke are interested in is how natural you can make that bait appear. Satisfy fluke in this one respect and you'll get action.

If you intend to try your luck from shore around inlets, you must be prepared to do much casting. You cannot just cast out and allow that bait to lie still on bottom. You've got to simulate the effect given by a drifting boat and the only way a shore fisherman can do this is by casting and jigging—and more casting and jigging.

Don't become discouraged if immediate action isn't forthcoming. It will come, but you've got to work hard for your fish. Once that first fluke is landed, there will be more in the general area.

Shore fishing for fluke around inlet areas can be a tough way to hack it, but it can also be enjoyable. There are an awful lot of fishermen who catch an awful lot of fluke from shore everyday in the week. They don't seem to mind it one bit.

The time for inlet fluke fishing is now. Take advantage of it, for the best action lasts only about two weeks. Give it a try—soon!

DOWN AT GARDINERS

by Martin & Janet Garrell

Boatmen making the run to Gardiner's Island from Greenport and Montauk are often rewarded for their efforts.

Drop in at a typical North Fork fishing station or tackle store in August and ask about a good spot for fluking; inevitably someone mentions Gardiner's Island. Count on it. In fact, almost every fluke report from the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport begins with a sonorous growl from Art White himself: "There's good fishing down at Gardiner's . . ." Considering the facts that: a) there are plenty of other spots where one can score on fluke in August (the eastern Sound has had a good run in the past couple of years all the way from Petty's Bight to Port Jefferson), and b) the Gardiner's fluking grounds are quite a haul for most skippers, many casual fluke fans might be tempted to ask, "Why go all the way to Gardiner's?

Real fluke aficionados know why! During most years, the fluking zone around Gardiner's Island probably affords more consistent fishing, day in, day out, than any other area on either the Sound or the Peconic Bays, including western Gardiner's Bay. Off Gardiner's, the area is large enough so that the boat traffic has a lot of room to spread out, and, at least on most weekdays, anglers seldom drift down one another's throats. A third factor in Gardiner's favor is a lack interference from the small draggers who have been cutting deeply into the fluke sport fishery elsewhere on the East End. For example, the fish that move off the shallow beaches on the tip of the North Fork are particularly vulnerable, and Orient and East Marion grounds like those at Truman's Beach can be picked clean of summer flounder within a few hours. Finally, from mid-August through the end September, depending on how long mild weather lasts, pods of big fluke, the fellows with "WELCOME" written figuratively on their flip sides, show up off Gardiner's and give anglers a shot at the fluke of a lifetime, a fish of 7 to 10 lb or even larger.

Actually, your chances of taking a doormat off Gardiner's are as good as they are anywhere on the East End, including the deep rips off Montauk. One of our fishing partners, Frank Manarel of Mattituck, likes to recount the tale of one of Long Island's largest, one which he hauled from the Gardiner's area in the early 1960s. Late one August afternoon, returning from a bluefish trip, Manarel's party decided to take a last drift off the Ruins. Fishing only with a small pennant of squid on a hi-lo rig, Frank connected with what he knew to be a huge fluke. By the time he finished easing the monster from the depths, there was a permanent bend in his old steel fishing rod. The giant flounder practically tore the net apart. Hours

Frank Manarel gives Frank Gehring an assist with the net near the "Ruins."

later, even though it had been gutted, that fluke nevertheless weighed 15 3/4 lbs!

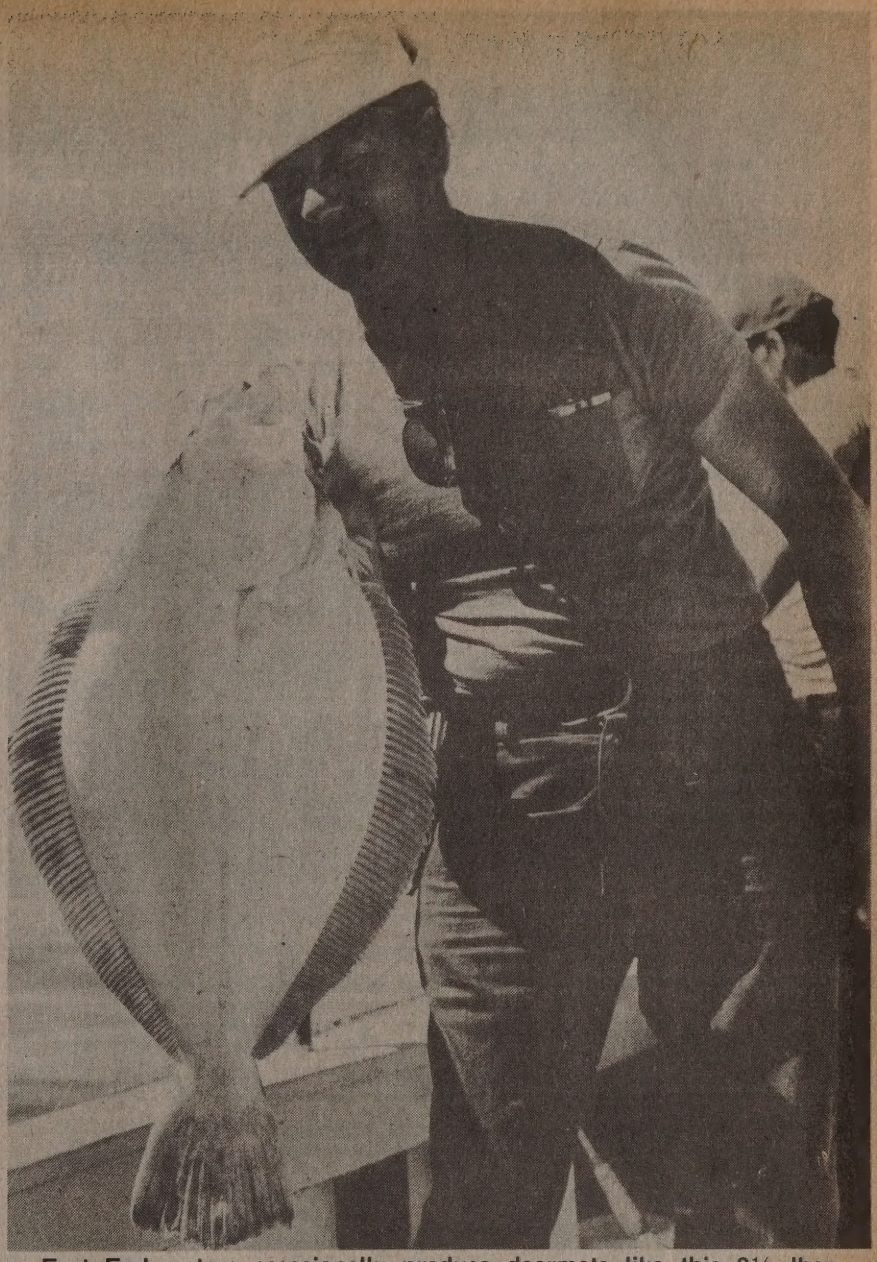
There are really only a few spots that comprise the fluking grounds off Gardiner's Island, namely three rips and a hump of sand off the Ruins on the north side of the Island. We've been told that the Ruins are the remains of a late 19th Century fort on a tiny island just off the main one. The fort was built to protect Long Island from naval invasion at a time when armadas still made empires. Used by the U.S. Navy for bombing and strafing practice in World War II, the fort was all but demolished, but its outline is still prominent.

In general, Gardiner's fluke anglers find medium and light tackle most useful because water depth in most areas is only 10'-20' and tides are seldom strong. Party boat fares are advised to fish 6 oz of lead, but on private craft 4 oz or even less is usually adequate. In fact, unless faced with moon tides or a tough wind-versus-tide situation, 2 oz may be perfectly fine. Consequently, Gardiner's is one of those rare places where one can actually go fluking far from Long Island's shorelines with 6 and 12 lb class tackle, which provides the best sensitivity for those ever-so-delicate pickups.

It's a good idea to prepare for a Gardiner's fluke trip with an arsenal of bait, because fluke on those grounds switch their diets regularly. Though a sand eel and a thin squid strip (6'' to 9'' long) are the standard combination against which all others are judged, there are days when spearing will outfish sand eels by a wide margin.

Just last season we made a trip to Gardiner's with veteran anglers Frank Manarel and Frank Gehring. By the time Gehring had his third keeper in the boat, we'd had only one feeble strike and were beginning to feel hexed. Then we watched Frank flip his squid strip back into the water without going to the ice chest for a sand eel or spearing. He'd found out that there were a lot of squid in Gardiner's Bay that week and guessed that the fluke were feeding exclusively on them. The guess was a bullseye. On that day, sand eels were not only superfluous, they actually put the flatties off!

Although we've gone to the trouble of catching local killies in our own traps and transporting them to Gardiner's, we've not enjoyed outstanding success with them. Sand eel or spearing combination baits do as well or better, perhaps because few mummichogs ever wander miles offshore. Another myth, at least for us, is the infallible live snapper, harnessed, dropped to the bottom, and awaiting a pool-winning doormat. Whenever we've tried that technique off Gardiner's we've had the snappers belted and masticated by eager, competitive small fluke that never got the bait down, despite long, long dropbacks. Bare keepers working



East End waters occasionally produce doormats like this 9¼ lber. Mid-August through September provides the best shot at a big flattie.

over an 8'' snapper probably feel like youngsters on their first pack of Red Man or Mail Pouch. They try, but it just isn't comfortable!

The standard fluke rig is the universal one, 24'' to 40'' of 20-30 lb test leader material strung from a small three-way swivel. A few inches below the swivel's second eye hangs the sinker, and the third eye takes the line. If you fish light line, be sure to attach a bumper of 15-20 lb test material between the line and the swivel to prevent the rig from excessive twisting.

The bitter end of the leader goes to either a 1/0 to 4/0 hook (Sproat, Carlisle, or Eagle Claw), two hooks in tandem (the rear hook is smaller than the forward hook and may be attached to the tail of the sand eel and the midsection of the strip), or to a spinner (blade size #3 to #5). If the latter rig is used, the single or tandem hook sets up some 6'' to 9'' behind the spinner on a heavy strand of mono.

Yes, spinners twist the daylights out of lines, and we hate 'em, but they often ring the bell on fluke where tides are strong and waters are relatively clear. After watching a spinner-caught 9¼ lb fluke take one pool and after listening to Bill Czech of **Jamesport Bait & Tackle** tell about catching an 8½ lb fluke with a spinner last season, we're becoming believers. Under certain conditions, sight feeders like fluke will come a long way to sock a bait rigged with an attractor. At the very least, Gardiner's anglers ought to have a couple of spinner rigs ready to go when all else fails. Incidentally, we find that really long dropbacks of 7-10 seconds won't work for us with spinners the way they do with light sinkers and simple rigs. If a fluke hasn't tossed the bait into its mouth after you have

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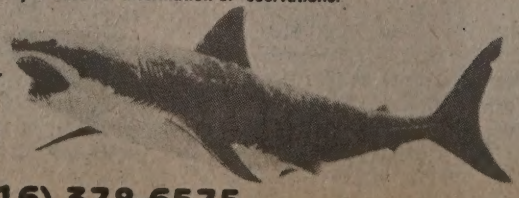

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given it a rod's length of slack by dropping the tip, the fish soon feels the pull of the spinner and the accompanying sinker and gives you back a mutilated bait. Drop back, or rebait and try again!

Though we enjoy drifting for fluke with 1/4 to 1/2 oz white bucktails dressed with tiny pennants of squid, Gardiner's waters may be a mite too deep for the light ones. Maybe this season we'll probe the doormat population with 3/4 and 1 oz bucktails once we've put a few keepers in the box with conventional methods.

The fluking grounds off the crescent-shaped Island are roughly 10-12 miles from both Montauk and Orient Harbors. As one might guess, many private craft from Montauk and Greenport work Gardiner's waters. However, strong afternoon westerly winds on Gardiner's Bay often make Gardiner's fluking a "big boat" proposition for boats of 20' or more. Among the party boats sailing regularly for Gardiner's fluke are Artie Lach's **Wilhelric** (728-2679) from Sag Harbor, currently fluking on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and John Raimis' **Blue Albatross** (765-3101) from Greenport, currently running as an open boat on weekdays. Many East End charter boats book Gardiner's fluke trips, too. These include Richie Jensen's **Nancy Ann** (477-2337) and Rod DeLisle's **Prowler II** (477-0961).

In recent times, the Gardiner's fluke run has had some problems. Most of the fish on the grounds last summer were either sublegal juveniles less than 14" in length or the scourge of fluke fans, the omnipresent sea robins. As Art Lach puts it, "They [the anglers] don't travel 90 miles out from the city just to catch shorts" (and robins). Richie Jensen felt that increased boat traffic was also making Gardiner's tough to fish. Speaking of the small numbers of legal fluke there in 1981, Jensen said, "Too many boats just fish them out . . . catch them up." As a result, last year many skippers turned away from Gardiner's and explored the Sound from Petty's Bight west.

Other anglers who went down to Gardiner's on a fluke trip in '81 actually did better soaking a chum pot for porgies off Eastern Plains of Green Hills or chasing schools of blues and weaks with diamond jigs between Gardiner's and Constellation Rock.

However, 1982 may be different. Already, in July, there are indications that about half the fluke in this year's substantial East End run are keepers, and August off Gardiner's just might feature some of those pods of hefty 2-5 lb summer flounder that made 1980 such a hot year.

In other words, Gardiner's is a gamble of fuel, time, and money. But if you have a nice day with only moderate westerlies and you run up a respectable score on Gardiner's fluke, you'll know why East End summer fishing reports often begin . . . "Down at Gardiner's . . . "

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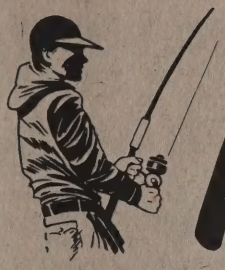

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CHOOSING OFFSHORE LEADERS

by Lou Truppi

Leaders, like every item in a fisherman's arsenal, are a result of a current trend. Five years ago, a "Green Machine" was practically unheard of in the category of offshore lures, but today even most fluke fishermen have a pretty fair idea of what type of lure this represents. The development of large-scale canyon fishing in the past several years has brought the high speed trolling lures to the forefront of current fishing heights and with them, a new trend in offshore leaders.

At one time all offshore lures carried leaders of at least 15'. These lures came rigged with either mono or stranded wire. Both designs proved their worth on the offshore grounds throughout the East Coast. However, the small boatman soon realized the longer leaders were a drawback when it came to landing these canyon bruisers. The long leaders, coupled with a variety of lures prevailed for many seasons due to the fact that many anglers felt the leaders enhanced lure action. Another idea was that the long mono leaders provided a suitable invisible connection between the lure and the heavier class lines, while a third believed the long heavier leaders would provide more protection when it came in contact with a rough fish's anatomy. All seemed logical at times; but for the past four seasons I've shortened my leaders and found my catches haven't fallen off one bit.

My current leaders average a mere 6' in length. Since most lures towed along canyon row are straight runners, leader length seems to matter very little with this group of lures. At the speed they are trolled, the fish seldom has time to scrutinize the lure—it simply crashes it.

Perhaps the single most important feature that becomes readily apparent with these shortened leaders is the fact that now, in many instances, the fish never has to be wired. The angler can control his fish right to the boatside. This prevent breakoffs and pulled hooks, which the direct stress of a crew member-held fish cannot overcome. The rod's resilience is never lost and any sudden countermoves staged by the fish can now very easily be controlled by the angler.

On the smaller boats as on the forty footers, the angler need only take a couple of steps backwards to bring his fish to the waiting gaff.

I've used the shorter leaders on all

A happy angler with a 74 lb. white marlin.

styles of lures and none registered any lost effectiveness. In fact, hook-up percentages are better in part, I feel, to the lesser amount of stretch exhibited by these shortened leaders.

Currently 200 to 300 lb. mono leaders are the norm offshore. I lean to the heavier leaders. Since they are short, I want them to be on the strong side to ward off any contact with the quarry. The 300 lb. leaders have held quite nicely even when landing several big wahoo. If you've ever confronted their dental work, you'll know what I mean.

In part, these shortened leaders possess less of a coil factor and provide easier lure storage, and when uncoiled for use, can be readily straightened. More significantly, perhaps, is the fact that even the wire leaders work equally as well when shortened. Under no circumstances did I notice a critical difference in catch ratio over the longer leaders. One instance I still prefer the longer wire leader is when inshore tuna or albacore trolling. These long, single strand wire leaders provide extra weight to the smaller lures such as feathers when pulling them at tuna speeds. Under these conditions, monofilament may be substituted for the wire. A trolling weight may be added to the leader to attain desired lure presentation. When pulling baits, many anglers still prefer wire leaders, especially when toothy critters such as wahoo are on the grounds. The current trend among the sharpies is to eliminate double lines. In fact, among most knowledgeable anglers double lines are being phased out in favor of single strand shock lines fashioned from dacron being used in their place. Even with this combination, the wire leader is rarely over 3' in length. This simply provides assurance that your line will not be cut off by those toothy critters.

Leaders can enhance or detract from your fish catching and landing ability. No matter what style or weight, they should be checked after landing each fish and changed if any trace of damage is found. These leaders are not your weakest link to your trophy, but even the 300 lb. variety can part if not checked periodically.

You should bear in mind that all varieties of leaders display different characteristics. Single strand stainless, multi-strand cable, mono and dacron all have benefits when certain fish are sought. Giant tuna and swordfishermen prefer mono leaders, while your bait trollers rely on single strand wire. Most lure fishermen agree on mono for use on their high speed lures. Each leader style has its following. But no matter what type of leader is used, the length is getting shorter. The advantages of shorter leaders are becoming more apparent by the day to all big game anglers. One other point to consider is that each leader type dictates its own rigging characteristics. To gain ultimate performance and reliability from your leaders, the prudent angler will endeavor to properly connect his leaders.

Basic wire connections can be made via a twist for single strand, while multi-strand are best crimped. The Haywire twist is by far the best connector for the single strand wire. This twist is outlined in many offshore fishing books and has been featured in this magazine. Proper crimping techniques can be found in the same sources. As for the monofilaments, there is a wide choice of bends that form sound connections. My choice, hands down, boils down to two knots for connecting purposes and one for rigging lures. The two connectors are the uni-knot and Palomar knot. The uni-knot performs superbly as a leader to swivel connector, while the Palomar reigns as a fine bait hook connection. This has never failed me on giant tuna or baitfishing for swordfish. Heavy monos may also be crimped, but be careful not to damage the leader when crimping. The standard snell may also be utilized when attaching bait hooks to your leaders and rigging offshore lures.

So each leader type requires it own set of rules. The recognition of each leader's use will make for a better fisherman. But don't forget the shorter leaders offer performance plus!

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TROUT & TERRESTRIALS

by Tom Pagliaroli

The secret of catching trout at this time of year lies in one key word: terrestrials. What are terrestrials? These are landlubber bugs which absolutely detest the thought of getting their feet wet. Grasshoppers, crickets and ants are terrestrials which are important to the late summer and autumn trout fishermen. These critters now make up the bulk of a trout's diet and are consistent fish getters. Other terrestrials which are of minor importance are the moths and caterpillars. Moths are active at daylight and dusk and trout relish these unexpected treats. Caterpillar, after a gut-busting meal of succulent leaves, will sometimes roll off a branch and plop into the stream. Trout are quick to notice the disturbance a caterpillar makes on the surface and will readily snatch it up.

Trout tactics must now be refined and specialized. No doubt an angler with ultra-lite spinning gear and live specimens will catch trout. However, spinning tackle will put the fisherman at a disadvantage if long casts and feather-delicate presentations are needed.

A fly rod, preferably 8' to 8½' in length, equipped with a five weight line and a 9' leader tapered to 6X or 7X, is good medicine for terrestrial minded trout. Be careful in your selection of hopper and cricket imitations. Select artificials which have no hackle; they should sit low in the water in the same manner as the real thing. Hackle hoppers and crickets will ride high in the water, unlike a natural terrestrial. The Letort Hopper and Letort Cricket are by far and away the most deceptive terrestrial imitations of a grasshopper and cricket. Muddlers also function as grasshopper imitations, but are pale in comparison to the Letort counterpart.

Ant artificials which sport corks fore and aft and with hackles at midbody are as close to the real McCoy that can be found. These will have a natural float because of the shape and positioning of the corks. On the stream this imposter will swirl and dance at the slightest hint of turbulence, much the same as the antics of a seagoing ant.

Moth and caterpillar imitations are somewhat off-beat as these are not often utilized to the extent of the other terrestrials. The "Humpy" series of flies are close imitations of moths.

Clockwise from top: Wooly Worm, Humpy, Letort Cricket, Ant, Letort Hopper.

Husky brown trout couldn't resist a terrestrial.

These flies have stiff hackles as well as a hairy body and tail. I trim the portion of hackle beneath the eye of the hook as closely as possible. The Humpy now lies flat on the water, much in the same manner as a spent moth would.

The Wooly Worm is the near perfect duplicate of a caterpillar. These flies are hackled and can be fished dry or wet. When the Wooly becomes partially submerged, it can be subtly twitched to imitate the struggling of a panicked caterpillar.

Grasshoppers and crickets are bank-loving terrestrials and are prone to fall into the stream. This is guaranteed to be the case when grasses or bushes hang over the stream itself. Trout will hug the banks, eagerly awaiting a careless hopper or cricket. The fish will follow the entree a short distance and then devour it, although sometimes the trout will suck down the quarry as soon as it alights on the surface. The same thing will occur when ants are traversing a bank or streamside ledge. These trees will be bustling with ant activity. It is inevitable that ants will end up treading water. Those which have inadventently taken a dip will not go far. Trout will be there gorging themselves silly. I once observed this on a stretch of the Connetquot River. Trout were a yard or two downstream from a fallen oak which ran parallel to the bank. Ants were scurrying back and forth and quite a few of these tumbled into the current. The fish were sipping in the hapless insects.

The low water conditions necessitate a cautious approach. It is advisable to pick out trout hiding places beforehand. This will eliminate any needless casting which might put down the trout. Trout lairs can be easily spotted. A sheltered pool, an undercut bank or a swirling eddy will hold trout. Avoid wading if possible. A carelessly placed boot will give trout the jitters. If wading is a must, scrutinize the wading area closely and proceed, being careful not to cause any commotion. If a point of concealment is available, so much the better.

The across-and-downstream drift is the most productive way to fish terrestrials. Cast directly across and let the imitation drift along. Hold the rod in the two o'clock position and follow the drift of the fly with the rod tip.

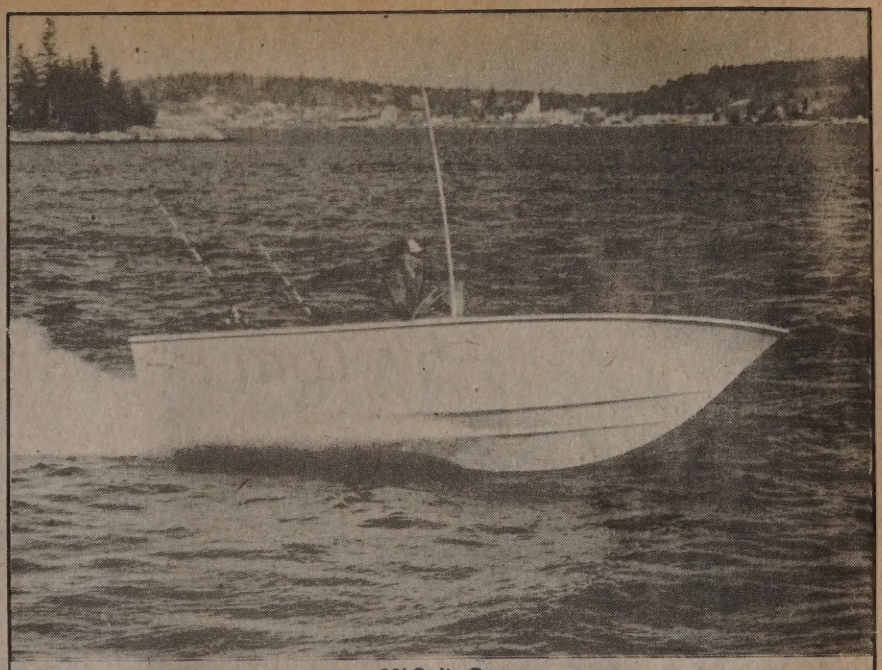
When the trout are in close to the bank, merely allow the lure to free drift downstream, feeding line as necessary to avoid drag. This method is unorthodox and can take awhile to get used to. Nevertheless, this type of drift will provoke strikes, especially if some movement is imparted to the lure.

On small streams, "dapping" will be the only method of fishing a terrestrial. This is the drifting of an artificial with only the leader on the water. This is when a long fly rod comes in handy. A likely looking spot for trout is chosen and the angler, who should be back from the bank, drops the fly above the trout's position and then follows it with his rod tip until the drift is completed. The fly line is not used because the fly is not cast, but is simply dropped onto the water's surface.

It often pays to carry a few oddball patterns just in case. A forgotten McGinty fished just under the surface paid handsome dividends when browns in the Van Campen's Brook were interested solely in the bees which had been blown onto the water by a stiff September wind.

Long leaders are an absolute must. Nine and ten foot leaders will do the job much better than the standard 7½' leader. Twelve foot leaders do not turn over as well as a nine or ten footer and can be more of a hindrance than a help. Tippet diameter is very important. Nylorfi tippet material (by Cortland) has both a thin diameter and lots of muscle. The Nylori 6X tippet (.005") is tested to 1.7 lbs. This thin line offers the distinct advantages of being nearly invisible and possessing the strength of a larger diameter tippet.

Now is the time to capitalize on a trout's terrestrial tendencies. You should have the streams to yourself. The other guys are busy in the salt chasing tiderunners or choppers. You say that you just happen to have a few terrestrial patterns in the ol' flybox? Well, get to it!



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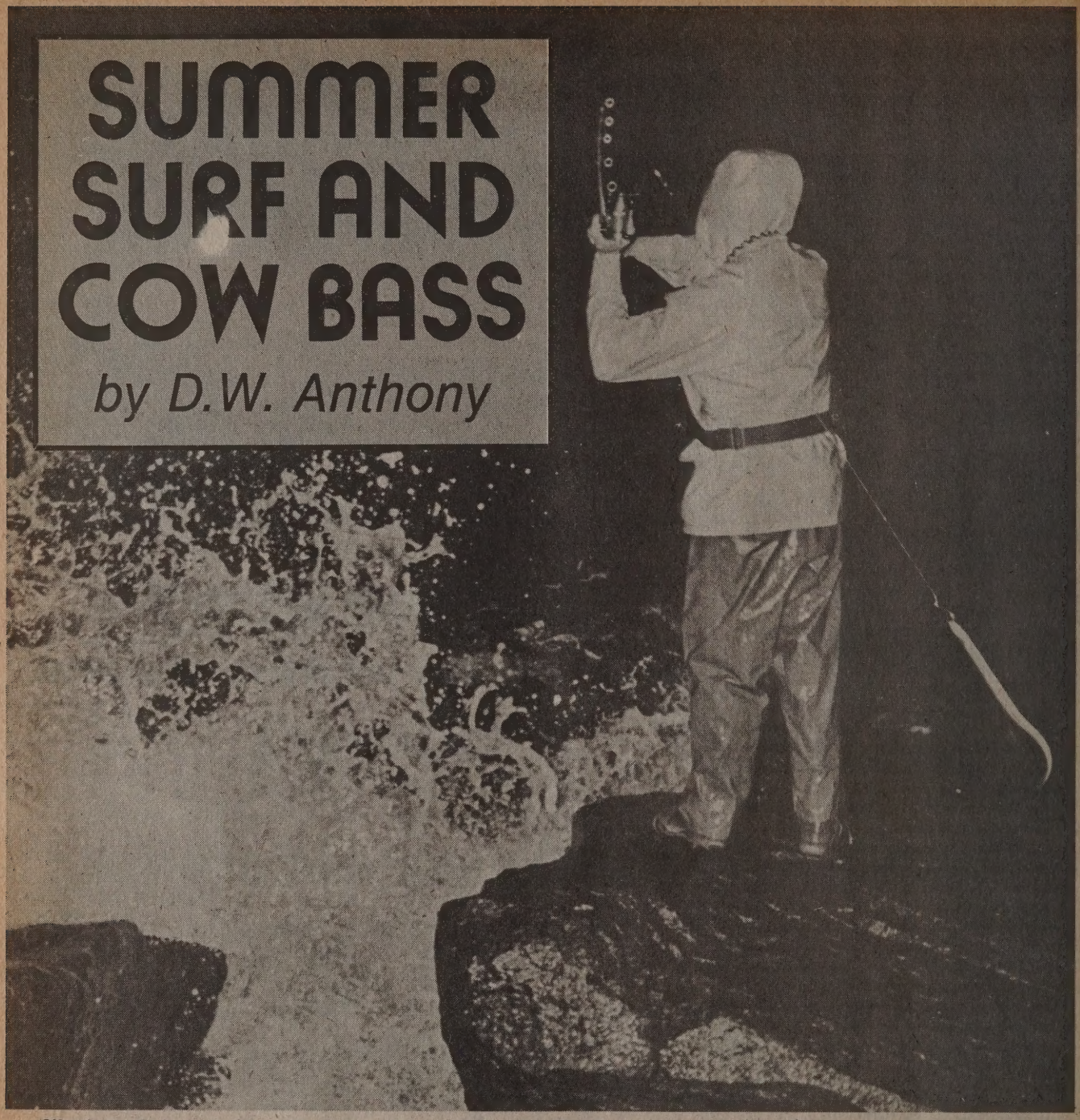

Slinging eels from spray-washed, western south shore jetties is one way to score with a summer cow. Photo by Tim Coleman.

Perhaps one of the most popular questions that a fishing publication like The Long Island Fisherman gets from its readers is "How can I catch a big striped bass?" A lot of us ask that question everyday of every season.

In spite of the fact that there are no quick and sure-shot solutions, believe it or not there are several approaches that can be used to lower the odds against us and maybe get that trophy fish. Although skills of lure and bait presentation are important, as is having the right tackle and fighting skills as well, finding the fish is probably the hardest part. After all, the best presented lure can't catch a thing if there are no bass around to catch.

One of the typical approaches to catching a big bass involves heavy fishing in October, which is supposed to be the height of the fall run. That's sound logic, but what happens if there is no fall run to speak of? In fact, in recent years veteran surf fishermen report that the number of big fish they catch in the fall is no different from the general catch ratio of the overall season. Precious few of us are catching enough of the big linesides to present meaningful data, but when a group gets together and compares notes, we see quickly that no one month has been a standout. There is one disadvantage to the fall hunt for bass and that is that the fish are migrating and thus, they are on the move. More frequent storms combined with the urge to migrate means that often when fish are found they simply don't stay put for more than a tide. Thus, you might read about a good catch in the paper or hear it from a buddy, but by the time you get to that beach everything is dead.

It's also cold in the fall: the water is cold, the air is cold, the hands are cold, and the wind often blows hard. If you haven't caught a bass, if you're not having hits, if you're all alone on the beach, then it might be hard to stay and fish for hours. Of course, an investment of near endless hours is a prime ingredient that leads to that big striped trophy. Therefore, what's guy or gal to do? Give up? Wait for another big year class? Look for another fish to catch?

Don't despair; hope is on the way! Actually, there may be a game plan that can be comfortable, warm, and rewarding. We can't do much about

the need for an extensive investment of time, but you should be able to fish in relative comfort.

The migration pattern of striped bass can give us clues. Bass begin the northward trek out of Chesapeake waters in the spring, and the available data indicates that most of those southern fish will migrate to Massachusetts waters. However, some schools will stop at a variety of locations up and down the coast. No one really understands why some fish never make it to northern feeding fields, but it is true that this is the pattern. Much the same can be said of the fish that come out of the Hudson, except that all of these fish are said to stay in New York waters. Each stock supplies some big fish to the coastal feeding grounds. We are told that most of the big fish from the Hudson stock will stay in the New York Bight and Long Island Sound and that in the Sound they are not likely to swim further east than Eaton's Neck. The Chesapeake fish, on the other hand, may come to feed in any portion of our marine district waters.

Can we take advantage of this knowledge to catch a big bass? One of the first thoughts that comes to mind is to travel north to Massachusetts. The Cape has been a traditional summer ground for huge bass for as long as I can remember and the literature indicates this has been so for as long as people fished for bass. Of course, this means traveling out of state and that may present some unique problems for some folks. However, there is no denying that opportunities are better there. If you decide to make that trip, I'd suggest that you read articles that have appeared in LIF about Cape Cod fishing in recent years. One article in 1980 by John Fritz will be particularly helpful. One will need a buggy to fish the best beaches. If you don't have a buggy or the use of one, you should try to make arrangements ahead of time to rent one. I have found it best to contact the chamber of commerce long in advance of an out-of-state fishing trip. When we plan such trips we ask about lodging (cost and quality), food services, need for special licenses and permits, availability of tackle and equipment stores, buggy rentals if necessary, and we try to get the names and telephone numbers of a few guides in the area should the need arise. We like to find and catch the fish ourselves just like everybody else; but once the investment of several hundred dollars has been made, it can be better to humble one's self and ask for help rather than catch nothing! Make all your arrangements in advance. Call the information operator for the area code and information number for the area you plan to visit. Then call that area, get the number of the local chamber of commerce or businessmen's group, and contact them for help. Once up there stop at a local tackle shop for info on baits and lures, tackle, and spots to fish.

Now suppose you can't or don't want to travel to other places to catch big bass. You're one of those surf fishermen who prefers to stay close to home. You know the inland waters, you're comfortable here, and you have to work everyday like most of us slobs! The migration data tells us that pods of big bass spin off the main northward migration all along the coast and take up summer residency. Now, this is good news and bad news. First the good news. That means there are some fish around for us to try and catch all summer. The bad news is that most of the fish have passed us by and what we have will be spread out, and that warmer summer water temperatures may put those bass off their feed. Sorry to burst your bubble, but we never said it would be easy!

Thus, the hardest job is to find those bass. Hold on, because it isn't a completely blind operation. We do know from past experience where at least some of those fish hang out. Montauk, although touted as a premier fall spot holds its share of summer fish. No doubt you'll have to work at it, but there are some fish to be caught, plus the bonus of a few weaks and blues here and there to keep your interest up. Veteran surf fishermen report bass of good size taken at many locations including False Bar, Jones Reef, under the Light, and the south side rocky areas. Fishing the south side can be pleasurable and relatively easy in the summer when there often is only a modest surf. Here you'll have to climb on a good rock to fish and thus creepers or felt soles on your waders might be called for. One thing for sure, you'll need to spend many hours at it, as you will everywhere you try. Understand, this is usually not a run of summer fish, but rather one here and one there. It is the potential for quality that can make the effort worthwhile to some. Fish in the 30s and 40s are not out of the question for those who work hard.

Most of those who fish this ground hard in summer shy away from the use of fall's standard big plugs such as bottles and darters. Instead, they use Rebels and Redfins, often adding a teaser to perk the interest of resident lazy summer fish. Others use live sand worms and enjoy a leisurely evening enjoying a cool summer sea breeze, sipping a cool beverage, and watching the rod tip. Some very rocky areas will need be avoided when fishing bottom, but some can and should be fished for best results, even if that means a somewhat high loss of sinkers and hooks.

Montauk isn't the only place to look for good sized bass. We don't recommend you fish the open surf beaches, because as a general rule, non-migrating fish will not hang around to feed along the open beaches. Although there are exceptions and if you are in the right place at the right time, you could cash in

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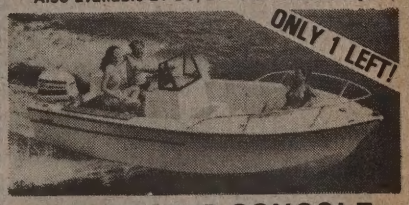

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BIG. We remember a couple of years ago when a large pod of big bass made a July appearance at TOBAY much to the delight of a couple of lucky anglers. As a general rule, though, we wouldn't count on such luck!

The mouths of inlets, on the other hand, might be better and more consistent producers in summer. As the tides move in and out of these big portals to the back bays, bait is carried in and out of the mouths of the inlets. Bass often find these inlet mouths to be ideal feeding areas in summer. The deep water of the ocean is close by during the day and at night the bait is usually available. Both sides of Shinnecock have produced in June, July, and August, while Moriches has blown hot and cold in recent years. However, a couple of years back, there was a long run of big fish when several schools of big bunker hung around at the entrance to the inlet. The rocks and swift currents at Moriches make for ideal hunting grounds for big bass. Here they can feed on bunker, flounder and blackfish as well as other smaller standard baits. Further to the west, Democrat Point can and has produced some good bass. Frequently these fish fall for sand worms fished on the bottom just east of the jetty and the best month seems to be June, with some fish still taken in July and August. Some fellas work the west side of the jetty with plugs and catch a few fish, but better success seems to be enjoyed by the worm dunkers.

Perhaps Jones Beach can be at once the best chance and the most fickle of the inlets for big summer cows. The inlet is big and offers a variety of terrain for surf fishermen. This is both an asset and a liability. You could fish one spot and catch nothing while the fish have been feeding only a short distance away totally unknown to you. Perhaps the best way to fish West End in summer is to walk a lot and cast. Work as much of the area as you can. If you get a hit or take a fish, stay in that spot awhile. If you come upon some concentration of bait, then work in and around that bait for awhile.

The jetties and inlets along the extreme western portion of the south shore may indeed hold the best possibility for big fish other than Montauk. Bass like to nudge around jetties because there is usually a crab or an eel or something to eat. Again, walk and work as many of the jetties and as much of the shore as you can. Be persistant and remember you are working for that one rise or hit—in short, that one fish.

The main purpose of this article is to provide a little encouragement for all of us to get out and try for a quality fish. Here and there, if we have provided a few hints and suggestions that may help within the short space available, then so much the better. One thing for sure: we can't catch fish unless we get out there and pound that surf!

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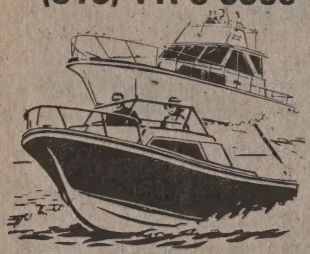

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East End Report

by Stu Miller

MONTAUK

Captain Charlie on the charter boat **Free Spirit** reports Mickey Walka on Saturday's trip landed 2 blue shark , one estimated at 185 lbs. while on Sunday's trip Dennis Rowan released a small blue shark. All action was to the southeast about 25 miles off the beach.

Aboard the charter boat **Montauk** offshore trolling has been outstanding according to Capt. Mike. Catches of longfin albacore have been daily thing Best catch of the week was one trip resulting in 22 longfin albacore, 25-40 lbs. A 69 lb. white marlin was hooked and landed by John Bower Jr. and party, Pt. Washington Shark activity has been on the slow side but the inshore action particularly with blues and weaks has been a dependable and daily thing with umbrellas or jigs.

Captain Bud Dorman of the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** sang the praises of very good porgy action at Gardiner's Island. One day in the early part of the week, Brian Carbonaro, Lynbrook and 2 pals filled the bag with 313 porgies. The week-end procduced well enough With Willie Cornell, Queens, adding 92 porgies to his total. Willie could have gone over the 100 mark, except for the abundance of mug boats.

Aboard the charter boat **Ebb Tide,** Tuesday saw a great inshore trip for John Suchopar with 70 blues and 20 weaks. Offshore action has been very good with lots of longfin albacore being taken on green machines south of the Point.

Captain John (Wizard) DeMaio asked us to let you know that is he now sailing from Montauk Marine Basin. John also advises that his night weakfish trips have been very good, averaging 35 weaks a trip during the moon, fishng bait tails locally inshore.

Aboard Capt. George MBride's charter boat **My Mate** Wednesday's trip for Dr. Plumis saw a catch of 15 albies in the 30-40 lb. range. Saturday's trip saw several blue sharks tagged and released while Sunday's trip inshore of Block Island saw some very good bluefish catches on umbrellas.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** advises the fluking is still tremendous with very few throwbacks and plenty of keeper fluke up to 20 keepers a man per half day trip. The Coxes Ledge codfishing also remains extremely good. Six-year-old Regan Scott, a young girl from Minnesota all by herself caught 5 cod from 7-11 lbs. this week. Cod catches are going up to 20 fish a man, fish 8-12 lbs. Pool fish are runing 35-40 lbs. Porgies remain good at Gardiner's in the medium to large class averaging 50-75 per good porgy puller. The night bluefishing remains super, fast at Block Island for all teen fish. Paul will have 2 boats sailing every Saturday night for blues. so that no one will be turned away.

Aboard Capt. Phil Lewis's charter boat **Adios** on Friday Harg Soultanian, Patchogue bagged a 68 lb. white marlin, a yellowfin tuna and 3 albacore, all on green machines. Sunday's trip for Jim Noone, Manhattan saw 5 albies taken in the 30-40 lb. range. Saturday's trip for the Nill brothers did a good job diamond jigging weaks and blues inshore, which incidentally remains a good item.Some giant tuna were seen during the week but they don't seem to be feeding as yet.

The report from **Gone Fishing Marina** is that Saturday's trip aboard Capt. Bill Ricca's charter boat **Alyssa**

This 403 lb. dusky shark was checked into Montauk Marine Basin by the charter boat "Montauk." It was caught southwest of the Butterfish Hole.

Colby, Scott and Charlie with bass of 33, 47 and 20 lbs. caught on Danny plugs trolled after dark aboard the Montauk charter boat "Windy."

Ann saw Bill Pelicane and friends jigging 16 weaks to 9 lbs. and 69 blues to 14 lbs. on Tri-Fin Sand eel jigs at Midway and Southwest Ledge. Sunday's trip on the Alyssa Ann for George and Mark Egan and friends saw slower action but nonetheless a mixed bag of blues, bonito and fluke also fell to Tri-Fin jigs but this time dressed with red tails. On Saturday morning two bass sharpies weighed in 4 bass hitting the scales at 41, 41, 25 and 10 lbs., all on live eels off the Point. Sunday morning saw John Alberta weighing in 2 bass, one of which tipped the scales at 54½ lbs. No details. Good fluking from Gin Beach to the Midway Rips on all the regular baits. Good porgy catches being made at Outer Shagwong.

Night bass fishing has been okay, said Captain Bob of the charter boat **Sundance**. On the moon, his charters took 9 cows from 25-38 lbs. wire lining trolled plugs off Gardiner's. Thursday's trip for Ken Easton saw a catch of albacore to 40 lbs. taken SE of the Point on plastic. Friday's charter had 45 blues on a half day trip on umbrella rigs off Gardiner's. Saturday afternoon's trip for Stan Easton saw 40 blues go into the box from 8-13 lbs. at the Sub Buoy with downriggers and umbrellas.

Canyon fishing specialist Captain John Keller took his charter boat **Bronco Express** out to the canyon Thursday for Jim Knox, NYC and party and despite a short trip caused by strong northeast winds, they still hooked up with 5 bigeye tuna, landing 2 of them of 180 and 310 lbs. along with 27 albacore between 25 and 40 lbs. This catch was made on deep Clones and Jet Lures, green and yellow with catches made at the middle of the Fish Tails.

Aboard the charter boat **Mistress Two** catches of albacore have been very good to excellent with an occasional yellowfin tuna mixed in. The body count has been 12-23 fish per day, all week, action being 18-28 miles off the beach.

The word from Charlie at **Star Isand Yacht Club** is that Ed O'Brien on Venture had 2 bigeye tuna of 105 and 160 lbs. at the Dip in the canyon. Fred Wilmot on Swamp Fox boated a 246 lb. bigeye. Dan Rubin on Cutlet socked it a 63 lb. wahoo and 2 bigeyes. Green machines have been the weapon in all cases. Several other bigeye tuna and lots of fluke have been caught. Dan O'Donovan on Cunamora hoisted 71 keeper fluke at Culloden Point, some in the 6 lb. class using various of the usual fluke baits. Star Island Yacht Club's giant tuna tournament is coming up very very shortly. See ads for details. Charlie says there are definitely giants out there that have been seen. One was taken last week but generally speaking they are not smashing any of the baits yet.

Captain Mike Potts of the charter boats **Blue Fin I and II** fished the Boyle group Monday taking 3 albies and a mess of weaks and blues. The Montana group fished with Mike Tuesday taking h ome 25 albies in the 35-40 lb. range. Wednesday's charter for the Lanning group fished the lighthouse in the AM taking 34 weaks, 18 blues, a 5 lb. fluke and 5 porgies all on diamond jigs. They also trolled 10 green bonito. Saturday's trip for the Kuhn group worked the Triangle for 24 weaks and 30 blues on jigs. The weaks are running 8-10 lbs. Sunday's trip for the Feldman group trolled up 16 albies. This was all aboard the **BF IV**. Aboard the **BF I** all week, Capt. John Potts has been belting out 60-100 blues every trip all week plus weakfish from 1/2 to 20 lbs. (mixed in), jigging and trolling.

Aboard Capt. Jerry's charter boat

Chester H. Wolfe, past commodore of the Deep Sea Club, and his wife Barbara, stand alongside the N.Y. City anglers 729 lb. blue marlin. It was taken aboard the Sea Wolfe at Montauk.

Duane, Ken and Mike loaded the box with weaks and blues on a recent trip aboard Captain John DeMaio's charter boat "Vivienne."

Nostalgia II Saturday's trip for Tim O''keefe had 5 albies from 30-35 lbs. taken on green machines SE of the point 18 miles. Sunday's charter for Andrew DiBiasi and party fished a half day for weaks and blues fishing diamond jigs at midway. Also bonito, weaks and fluke are being taken there on jigs.

SOUTH FORK

Chris at **Bay View Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor** passed on the word of plenty of snappers around which incidentally should be used as fluke bait since there is such continued good fluking off the Ruins at Gardiner's Island with most fish in the 1-2 lb. class. Porgy action remains fair for mixed size fish at Cedar Point. Some small blues at Crow Shoals. Val Miller of Sag Harbor fishing Saturday night with striper ace Dennis Kelly, also of Sag Harbor, hooked and landed a 49 lb. striper in Plum Gut on live eel. They had 2 other fish in the 30s and one in the 20s.

To the west in **Noyac**, Helen at **Noyac Marina** tells of the good weakfishing off Salty Dog and the Monastery in the bay. Regulars Bill Fales, Bellrose and Paul Panik Jr and Sr. there was a total number of 15 weaks from 2½-5 lbs., 30 humpback porgies and 1 blue. The weaks wanted sand worms and squid which were drifted from the monastery and short beach good porgy catches were made early in the week also.

To the west in **Shinnecock** the **Capt. Clark II** sailing out of Shinnecock Canal on Saturday fishing an offshore wreck trip with fantastic results had 21 fares taking over 450 sea bass and large blacks, sea flounder and ling. Sea bass went 2-5 lbs. on squid and clam on 2 wrecks southwest of the inlet. Carl Ballston, Flushing was high hook with 32 sea bass and 4 blacks and Carl also took the pool with a 5 lb. sea bass. On another offshore wreck trip Sunday fishing to the SE all fares loaded up again. Matt Ahern, LIF contributing writer crammed his

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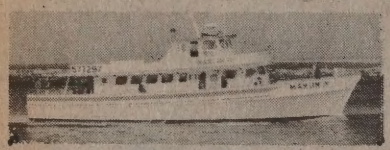

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cooler with 34 sea bass and several blackfish. Doris Boldin, Ozone Park, scored with 32 sea bass including a 4½ lb. pool winner. There will be another offshore wreck trip this Saturday, August 14 and every Wednesday and Saturday thereafter until further notice. See ad and call for further info.

Speck's Bait and Tackle passed along word that Leigh Bergland, Mike Ambrose, Carl Runyon and Rick Berkoski, all of Southampton, took a 101 lb. white marlin Sunday on a green machine. Bill Kieves and Rick Nydegar of Southampton bagged a 50 lb. white marlin on a Psycho Squid fishing SE of the inlet. Fluke holding up in the ocean on the west side of the inlet on sand eels and squid while snappers and small blues are being taken in the channel areas as well as the canal. Flounder activity has slowed while the fluking inside has been spotty. In the PECONICS porgies and small blues with occasional weaks and fluke are the order of the day. The Ruins has been large fluke being caught off the western face. Porgies are a good item at Hog Creek in East Hampton and Crow Shoals, Cartwright Island and Eastern Plains Point.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

From **Molnar's Landing** in **Hampton Bays**, Lanny Molnar was still groggy after a night of livelining in Shinnecock Inlet. His efforts were not wasted as the Mariner owner did manage a 20 pound striper. He noted too that bass fishing has improved since the moon. Fluke anglers have been picking away with the best scores coming from East Channel. Lanny reminded that this fishing has not been up to par. Flounder still around at buoy 20 for those interested. Offshore, white marlin were found in 150' of water through Saturday along with yellowfin tuna in the 30-60 pound class. A lumpy ocean on Sunday kept most anglers inside.

Jim Greene at **L & M Marine** said that flounder fishing remains good on the west side of the Elbow and at buoy 39. Work incoming water with dyed clams for best results. On Saturday, Roy Heaton, his wife Denise and Frank and Karen Perry totalled 50 flatties up to 1¼ pounds on dyed clam. Of the fluking, John Wyson, Jerry Masterson, Pete Martin and Paul Windus put 39 keepers upt to 3½ pounds in the fish box of the Cousins II on Saturday. They fished

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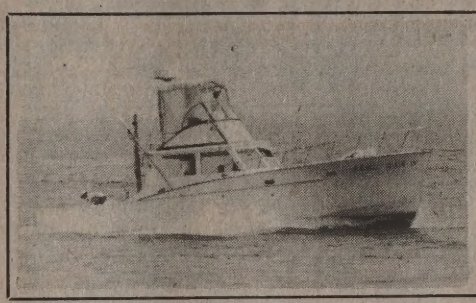
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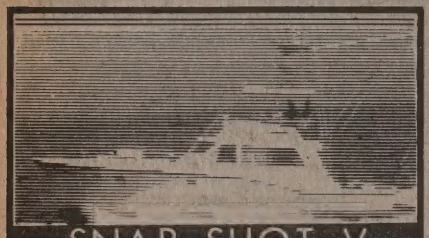

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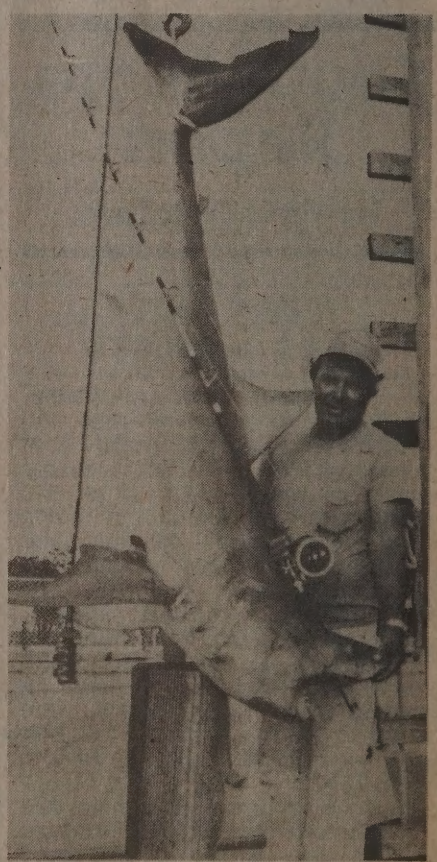

Daiwa sales rep, Lou Rosado, poses with a 244 lb. great white taken at Montauk aboard Stan Einzig's Malkessa. Lou acted as guide on the trip while Bobby Katz did the rod work. A white shark estimated at between 3000 and 4000 lbs. visited the boat's chum slick that day as well! Photo courtesy of Star Island Yacht Club.

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Bob James, Steve Schindler and Bob Zoltowski with some of the blues to 9 lbs. caught south of Shinnecock Inlet on the Magic Carpet. Photo courtesy Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

buoy 29 and used killie/squid combos fished under a float rig. Biggest fluke of the week was a 6¾ pounder taken by Steve Kamiski at the Elbow on Sunday. The big flattie fell for a live killie.

Over at **Skidmore's Fishing Station**, Betty DeVita ran off a list of successful fluke anglers. Stu Cohen had a 4½ pounder on Wednesday while Dave Roys clicked with a 5.6 pounder on Friday. Ray Herbst topped both these flatties with a 7½ pound doormat on Saturday. Back on Thursday, Dan Mahoney needed only 3 hours to put away 14 keepers up to 3 pounds. The overall fluking in the bay has been good with the best scores coming from between the bars at the Radio station and north of buoy 41. Flounder are still in good supply south of 36 and at "Betty's Hole." Crabs are now well established in the picture if Matt & John Viol's catch of over 100 blueclaws is any indication. The pair did all the damage right out in front of the station.

Very good fluking during the week with flounder getting the nod over the weekend according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Fluke catches during the week ranged between 10 and 25 per boat with Marty Baker and Phil Sztorc taking 22 up to 2½ pounds at Havens Point on Thursday. They used sand-eel/squid combos. Best bet for flounder is buoy 36 with bloodworms or dyed clams. On Saturday, Jack and Kathy Friend along with Mike and Marie Merto totalled 127 flounder up to 1½ pounds. Crabs and snappers in all the coves on the Mainland side and many are now decent size.

Outside of Moriches Inlet Capt. Fred of the charter boat **Sea Mist** spoke of lots of life during the week.

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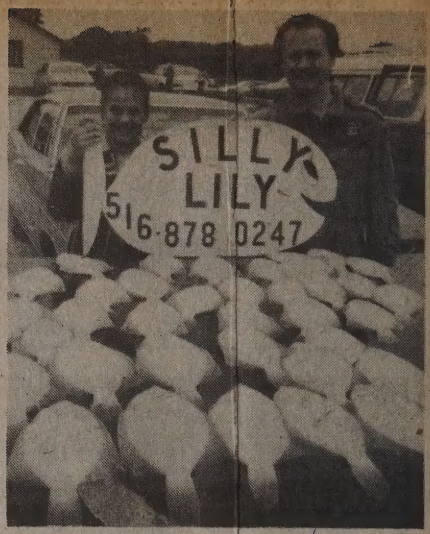
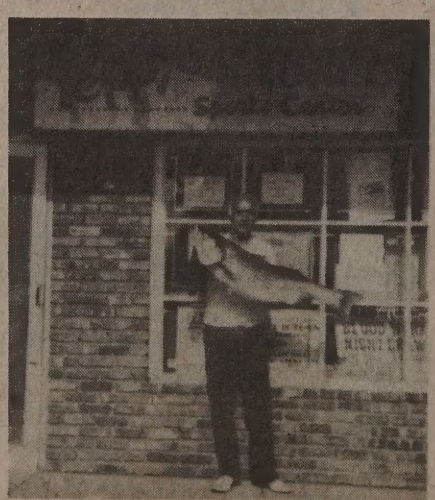


Krista and Fred Varecka with a nice catch of flounder made at buoy 34 in Moriches Bay while fishing out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

The live area prior to the NE blow was in 120-130' of water while the 130-150 depth range was more productive after the blow. Plenty of bluefish, quite a bit of tuna action and some fair shark fishing was the rule. Bonita showed this week in 80' of water south of the Inlet.

The word in the **Mastic Beach** area is crabs with a capital **C** according to Gary Stiriz of **Stiriz's Fishing Station**. Boatmen using both rings and traps are loading up on blueclaws from buoys 6-19. On Sunday, Fred Stuard and Harold Benson took 108 blue claws in less than 4 hours. There was a good showing of fluke in the buoy 25-27 area on incoming water this week. On Saturday, Joe and Ann Fazio nailed 18 keepers up to 3½ pounds on spearing and squid while Ray and Nat Perrone took 22 keepers up to 4 pounds on Sunday. They also used spearing and squid combos. Small blues and snappers from buoys 17 to the bridge and spotty catches of sea bass at buoy 19 on squid strips.



This 36¼ lb. striper was taken on a live eel at Montauk by Al Randazzo. It was weighed at Peppy's Bait & Tackle in East Islip.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Good fluking continued this week in Great South Bay while ocean bluefishing remained erratic. Some good action on Saturday and Sunday afternoons aboard the **Captree** open boats is hopefully the start of a new shot of steady action. Snappers and crabs now in the picture at most docks and while the snappers are still on the small side the have been providing young and old with plenty of action.

Very good fluking on incoming water from buoy 17 to Ocean Beach according to Vinny at **South Bay Fishing Station** in **West Sayville**. Most of the fish are keepers and are being taken on spearing and squid combos. Lots of small sea bass in the same area being taken on fluke baits and a good showing of small weakfish

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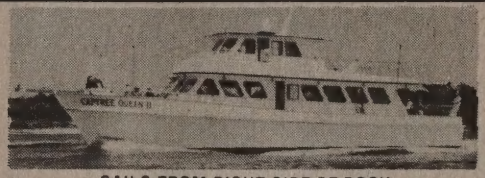

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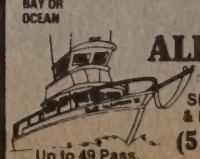

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A pair of Skidmore's regular, Matt and John Viol with their catch of 7 fluke and 97 flounder caught near buoy 36 in Moriches Bay.

in the East Bay between Heckscher and the Brown's River. Small blues on the surface daily between the East Line and Cherry Grove and crabbing and snapper fishing now excellent in the area.

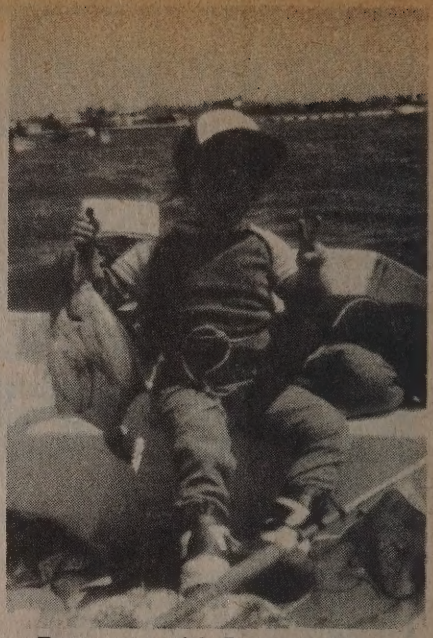
Dave Canale of **J & R Sport Center** in **Oakdale** looked over 10 fluke taken at Ocean Beach on Thursday by Harold, Richard and Eric Dahlgren and Henry Suhr. Good fluking has been the rule from West Channel to the Lighthouse and at the Inlet. Small blues and some nice weaks in the Inlet on a daily basis where they are being taken on small diamond jigs or trolled on umbrella rigs. Dave knew of good action with big eye tuna and white marlin at the Fish Tails over the weekend. On the freshwater side, Dave and Al Cross fished Connetquot State Park one day last week and managed a half dozen trout apiece up to 2 pounds.

Mike Cioffi of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** relayed the results of an overnight canyon trip for the crew aboard the Oakdale Sportsman's Club boat Carol-Mare. Bob Castro had a 275 pound big eye, Mike's dad, Peppy Cioffi had a 73 pound white marlin and Ray Vasques had a 185 pound big eye. Rounding out the crew which also totalled 300 pounds of true albacore, were Bob Gigerani, Wayne Hutnick and Bob Gross. Aboard the Bug-A-Loo, Ed, Tom, Mike and Bob put 31 blues from 5 to 12 pounds and 2 bonito into the box while trolling umbrella rigs in 75' of water off of Bellport. Small blues on 007's at the Inlet and good fluking most of the week in West Channel, Snake Hill Channel and at the Inlet.

From **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller underscored the very good fluking at buoy 7, the WR buoy and off of the Oak Beach Inn. Weakfish are being taken in the Oak Beach Cove in the early morning hours while blues of 6-8 pounds are at the Bell Buoy for jiggers and umbrella rig trollers. Big blues up to 12 pounds being taken on Daimond Jigs and umbrella rigs to the east off of Cherry Grove in approx. 75' of water. A few bonito showing up in this area also. Offshore some white marlin activity near the Compass Rose. Rigged eels accounting for most of the hook ups. Some action with big eyes, yellowfins and albacore just short of the Hudson Canyon. Plenty of crabs and snappers now at all the local docks.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** was enthused about the very good fluke action all week long but added that while the weekend was good it was not up to the week's standards. Thursday and Friday were both super days in terms of numbers and size. Lots of 2-2½ pound fish making up the catches at West Island, Sexton Island and Sand Island. Best bait has been spearing and squid combos with the last of incoming and the first of outgoing tide resulting in the best action. Neil reminded that this week's afternoon trip is blessed with ideal tide conditions from Wednesday through early next week.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy filled us in on the week's activity for the **Capt. Joseph and the Capt. Joseph II**. The bluefishing picture remained poor all week but showed signs of coming to life on Saturday night when there was good action with 5-10 pound choppers on bait. The fishing carried through to



Four-year-old Regina Mian proudly displays her first fish, a 2.2 lb. flounder caught in Moriches Bay. Subscriber photo.

Sunday when jigs took a heavy toll three miles south of Cherry Grove. The **Captree** skipper was hopeful that now that we're passed the full moon period the fishing will settle back to its previous pace. Of the fluking, it held up fine all week long. Depending on the tide fishing is being done anywhere from West Island to the Inlet. 80% of the fish are keepers with most being in the 2 pound category. Charlie observed that the flatties seem to show a preference for live killie and fluke belly combos in recent days, taking over from spearing and sand eels.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** got in some good bluefish action late in the day on Saturday after a slow week. The story repeated itself on Sunday iwth the fish taking hold late in the day but providing lively action once they went on the feed. Action both days was east of the Inlet, south of Cherry Grove with fish up to

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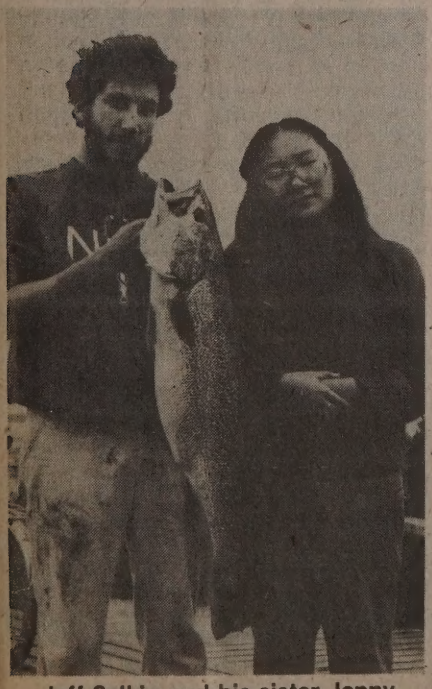
the teens taken on Diamond jigs. Lots of fish and bait in evidence in the area but its often a problem getting them to bite. Nighttime action has been poor.

Mike of **Captree Bait Station** briefed us on the snapper action under way at the Captree fishing piers. The fishing is now in full swing although the Baitman did add that the baby blues are still on the small side. An occasional fluke was also falling to pier fishermen.

Capt. Len aboard the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** fished Frank Bonora, Tony Roma, Joe and Pete on Saturday and after a fruitless attempt at the bluefish in the vicinity of the Three Sisters Wreck the skipper figured it was time for a change of tactics and worked his way back into Jones Inlet. There the group settled down to put away a fine catch of nice sized fluke on sandeel and squid combos.

Good fluke fishing in F.I. Inlet especially opposite the O.B.I. on the last of the flood and first of the Ebb according to Mike of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. Small blues are all over the bay and inlet and there are weakfish around but the best bet for the yellowfins is after dark when the small blues give the weaks a chance. Mike knew of a few big bass taken on bunker to the west in the State Channel. He named Black Bank and the Western Bridges as having produced some fish this week. On Saturday, he looked over an 85 pound white marlin taken near the Compass Rose on a Yap Lure. Snappers are now at all the docks and crabbing has been productive. Wednesday night, Ed Lecce and crew netted 7 dozen crabs in the vicinity of the Captree Bridge.



Jeff Salkin and his sister Jenny with a 10 lb. weak taken on a jelly worm in Great South Bay. Subscriber photo.

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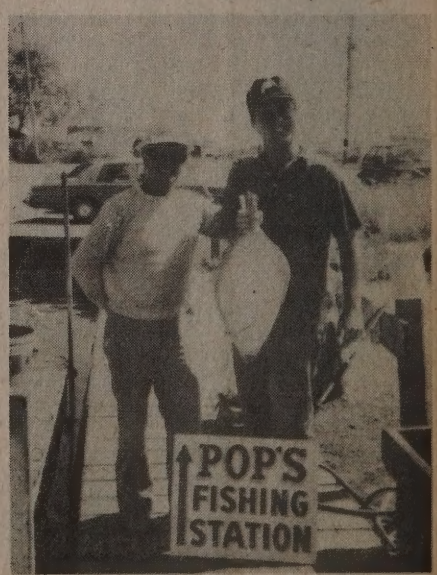
In the **Seaford** area, Marie Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** noted the improved fluke fishing at Squaw Island, Four Corners and the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges. To demonstrate improved quality of fishing Marie told of 12 year old Amy Solomon who took a fluke up 4½ pounds west of the third bridge on Saturday. Some weakfish activity on sandworms at the bridges. Nights and early mornings. Snappers and crabs establishing themselves in the area although most of the snappers are still on the small side.

A good mixed bag according to John Dombrowski of **Pop's Fishing Station** in **Seaford**. The fluke lead the parade followed by sea bass, bay blues, blackfish, snappers and crabs. Best activity seems centered around the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges with killie and squid combos accounting for the best fluke scores. Jack and Kathy Messina along with their children Michael, Jason, Jacquelin, and Deirdre accounted for 16 fluke fishing east of the 2nd bridge. John also noted that there has been increased activity with both snappers and crabs close by the station.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore** spoke of plenty of 1-2 pound blues throughout the bay and Inlet on just about anything including tins and plugs. Fluking has improved in the area as demonstrated by Ann and Steve Weiss who took 15 keepers to 4 pounds in Great Island Channel on Saturday. The pair used both spearing and sandeels teamed with a strip of squid. Some crabs being taken from local docks and snappers are around but small. Out in the Canyon, the key to taking big eyes this past week has been to use deep running clones. A number of fish in the



Rob Nelson of Glen Cove shows sthe 6½ lb. fluke which earned him a Skillful Angling Award. Rob was fishing out of Pop's Fishing Station at the time.

150-250 pound class were taken on the heavily weighted artificials.

Dennis Newman and Bud Holmes checked in stripers of 36, 16 and 15¾ pounds at Jimmy Boulukos' **Nick's Marina** in **Merrick**. The fish were taken during the course of last week in the back bay on live bunker. A couple of Nick's Point Tuna Club Boats returned to Nick's from the offshore grounds. On Sunday, Ed Bing's Bingo checked in a 57 pound white marlin taken by Roger Graff of College Point. Ralph Drews along with his son Ralph, Jr., both Merrick ran their Oceanic to the NOAA buoy area and returned with some yellowfin tuna in the 40 pound class. Fluking was good during the week in the Merrick Point area but slowed over the weekend although one pair of sharpies kept 22 keepers out of more than 40 fluke they took on Sunday. Small blues up to 2 pounds at the Coast Guard Station during the evening hours and an occasional weakfish mixed with them.

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Starting with the **Freeport Fleet**, we see that bluefish and fluke remain the most abundant species in the area.

Aboard the **Capt. Al**, Monday thru Thursday saw excellent diamond jigged bluefish catches. Tommy Gifford was high hook Thursday with 42 blues. Things fell apart Friday but Saturday bounced back with high hook being 28 fish. Saturday night's high hook was 30 blues. Fish have been running 3-6 lbs. with different areas being worked on all trips.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Gary**, Saturday's blue trip for Frank Finnegan's Massapequa karate school had a slow pick and bailed out the day with fluke in the afternoon. Saturday night's bluefish trip for Don Flaim and pals had a good catch despite rough conditions just a half hour out of the inlet. Fish were chummed and baited in the 4-8 lb. category. Sunday's trip for Cecil Best and pals saw fair fishing in Rockaway Inlet and buoy 4 plus 20 keeper fluke which rounded out the catch.

Aboard Capt. Richie Kessinger's **StarStream II** the skipper advises that the blues were hot and cold but were generally on the good side at the beginning of the week. Numbers and sizes were good on Sunday at the end of the week with fishing just 1 hr. and

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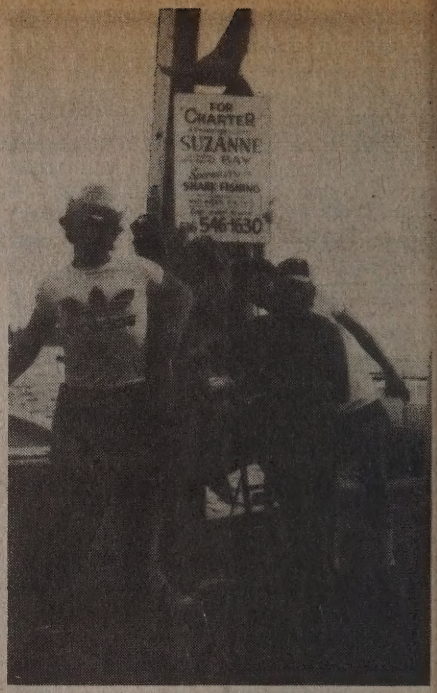

Ricky Morales, of Merrick, spent 3 hours fighting this 491 lb. mako aboard the Freeport charter boat "Suzanne." Scene of the action was south of the Texas Tower. Photo courtesy of Lou's Fishing Station in Freeport.

15 mins. east of Jones Inlet. Over 150 large blues were taken with fish averaging 6-10 lbs. Hempstead angler Desi Robinson was high hook with 12 choppers while Bob Meade of Merrick and Fred Tippet of Freeport tied for the pool.

Aboard Tom McDonald's The Jude, Mike Peng, Jim Palumbo and Manny Samalya joined forces to capture an 82 lb. mako weighed in at **Lou's Fishing Station**. This was in 140' of water east of Jones Inlet.

Captain Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** on Monday's trip for the Bruce Milan group had one small shark but they saw lots of tuna and whales on top. This was SE of the inlet in 130' of water. Tuesday's trip for Pat Bellano and group enjoyed good fluking in the inlet and in the back creeks. Wednesday's trip for Mel Sachs saw good bluefishing at the BA on diamond jigs with fish from 3-6 lbs. Thursday's trip for Pat Hawkins, NYFD had a pick of bluefish. Friday's trip for Rich Di Angelo group saw good fluking with fish to 4 lbs. in Jones Inlet and Reynolds. Friday night's trip for the Keith Wright group was not too good, fishing the Three Sisters area. Saturday's trip for Cornwell NY PBA saw a pick of small bluefish in the Ambrose area on diamond jigs. Sunday's trip for 1st Jersey Security saw good catches of blues to the east, almost to Patchogue with fish up to 16 lbs. on diamond jigs.

Ronnie at **Sea Isle Sports** advised that the Squadron Anglers canyon bill and tuna tournament had lots of big-eye tuna caught along with 1 sword-

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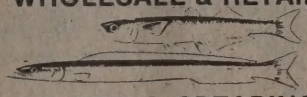

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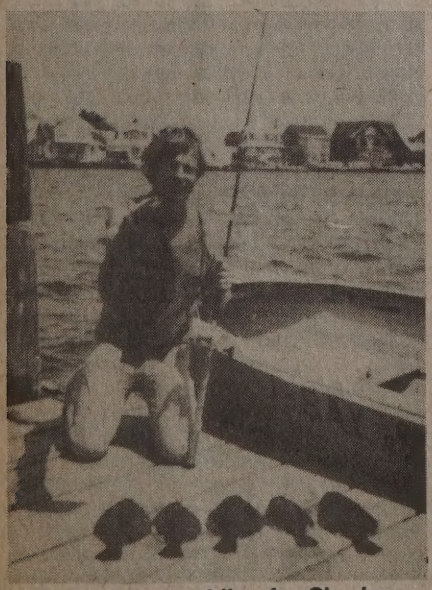
fish. There was lots of action from the Texas tower to the boot of Hudson Canyon. Some marlin were caught also.

Over in **Baldwin Arthur Street Fishing Station** told of decent fluke catches that were brought in all week and weekend to the tune of 10-15 keepers per boat with fish up to 3 lbs. on all the various fluke baits with Scow Creek, Reynolds and Hole in the Bay best. Spearing was the top producer. Lots of sea bass and porgies taken in Reynolds Channel off the Long Beach high school. Lots of blue claw crabs in Middle Bay day and night. Bluefishing was spotty offshore this week probably due to the full moon. Seven to 9 lb. weakfish have been taken at the mouth of JI, at the can on diamond jigs while live bunker works it charm at Swift and Haunts Creek.

Over in **Point Lookout**, Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** tells of some very good fluking in the flats. Saturday saw Bill Ophols Jr and pal Ed with 20 keepers up to 4½ lbs. on live killies. Bruno Grabiec and Eddie Mykoski had 30 keeper fluke in the flats. Other areas that produced were Reynolds channel near the golf course with fish not as big. Flounder remain good off the houses at the end of Swift Creek and in the CG station area. A few blackfish being picked at the bridges and jetties and some snappers around.

Captain Billy Lindroth running the half day fluke boat **Capt. Bill** reported very good fluking Monday thru Thursday. A typical catch was that of Carmine Cessarino with 12 keepers on Tuesday. Friday , Saturday and Sunday things slowed down. The boat's night bluefish jigging trips saw 5 weakfish from 5-10 lbs. caught Friday night along with a 4 lb. striper and a load of blues. Saturday night's



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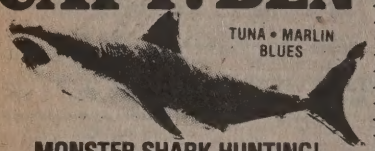
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Tom Mayer returned from Duck Point with this 6¼ lb. doormat fluke. It was weighed at Skippy's Bait & Tackle in E. Rockaway.

catch was all blues and the numbers were there. High hook was 25 fish and low hook was 15 with fish running 2-4 lbs. just outside the inlet on diamond jigs.

Also fishing 2 half day fluke trips is Capt. Walt's **Miss Point Lookout**. Monday thru Wednesday saw decent fluke catches on the morning tides. Tuesday's high hook was 19 keepers was Queens angler Sam Morton. Wednesday's high hook was Sally Greenfield with 11 keepers. The flood has been fair, the ebb tough. Night bluefishing has been a little erratic with catches running from fair to slaughter fishing. Walt feels that once we shed the effects of this last full moon, the fish should be biting good again. He also asked us to tell you that he guarantees plenty of room on the boat and he will be fishing a 40 passenger limit, limited to one side.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** called to say that Wednesday's trip for the Town of Hempstead Recreation Center saw good fluking off the golf course and Reynolds Channel on spearing and squid with a 25 percent keeper ratio. Thursday's trip for Tom Meany and group had a 40% keeper ratio. Friday night's trip picked small blues and weaks up to 9 lbs. after dark and then indulged in a slow pick at Cholera for 10-15 lb. blues on butters and chum. Saturday's group wreck fished outside Jones Inlet and had a good mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and blacks to 2 lbs. on squid and clam.

Scotty's Fishing Station advised that the best fluking for the week was in Reynolds channel between buoys 16 and 20 and the inlet between the Pt. Lookout bridge and sloop channel. Flounder continue to be caught off the CG station area and buoys 17 and 19 in Reynolds.

To the west in **Atlantic Beach** Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** says the fluking has been very good in Reynolds, around the Atlantic Beach bridge and around the railroad trestle at Island Park on live killies. Striped bass being caught from 37th St. to 39th St. along the Rockaway shore line on bunker. Also the Silver Point Jetty for bass on white bucktails and Gibbs poppers in blue, white and yellow. Blues about a mile out of Debs, 3-5 lbs. on umbrellas and diamond jigs.

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the guide boat **Kim** has been enjoying continual good weakfishing. The blues have come back in said Ronnie, from 2-15 lbs. along with an occasional schoolie bass. Red and white Nordic eels are doing a real job. Tin Can has been best for weaks along with Ambrose as have blues with bigger choppers at Nortons Point on umbrellas, big spoons and bunker chunks.

Over in **Island Park** Charlie Beckman out of the tackle shop of the same name told about 3 makos caught on Monday by Rich Sisco and 2 friends from Hewlett. The trio fished in 140' of water SE of Debs and had makos of 180, 118 and 300 lbs. Weakfish are smashing the Nordic eel at the Tin Can mornings and evenings. It's an island of boats in that area for fish running 5-12 lbs. Snappers and blue claw crabs great at Bay Park, Reynolds Channel and the warm water creek in Oceanside. Big blues in the 12½ to 15 lb. range were weighed in by 3 youngsters Saturday fishing in 90' of water due south of Debs. They said the place is alive with giant bluefish chasing anchovies on top. These fish hit diamond jigs.

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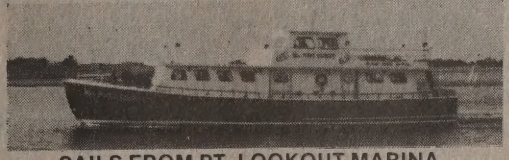

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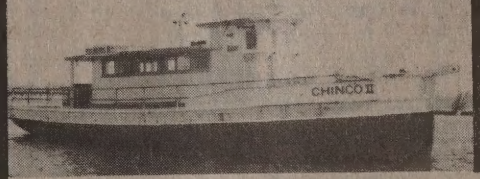

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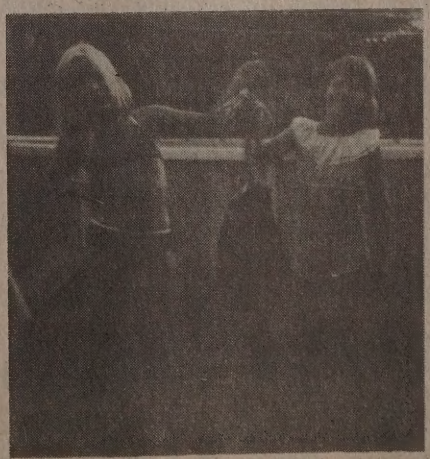
doormat fluke that were caught easat and west of the AB bridge on live snappers up to 9 lbs. over the weekend. Top of the outgoing has been best with a much improved keeper ratio. Killies have been working best for those working buoys 1, 3 and 9. Weaks at the Can very good, mornings only. A few weaks under the bunker schools in Reynolds on live bunker. A few school bass being chummed and trolled at the AB bridge. Snappers and bcc's all over the place.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Skippy's Bait and Tackle in **East Rockaway** told of a good weekend fish-wise. Fluke were best in Reynolds channel especially at Duck Point. A 6½ lbs. fluke was the reward for Joe Martin of East Rockway who fished Reynolds. Skip advised there are lots of 3-4 lbers. being caught this week and also some throwbacks. Snappers have been excellent and bccs fair. Fluke at the Tin Can are there in numbers but not much over 4 lbs. Live killies have been the preferred bait followed by spearing.



A recent outing near the 2nd Wantagh Bridge aboard the family boat Salt Shaker, produced this 4 lb. fluke for young Stacy and Susan Christian. Subscriber photo.

Some rat bass on bucktails at the ABB...just keepers. A few weaks on live snappers and blacks in Jones Inlet.

Further to the west in **Jamaica Bay, Bay Head Marina** passes the word that Jack Scalia of Flushing caught black skipjack and weaks to 10 lbs., blues and fluke all on Tiger Tails at the Tin Can Grounds Sunday. Victor Morales of Bayswater caught a load of night blues on his boat fishing bunker chunks on the bottom while at anchor. This was around JFK and fish ran 5-15 lbs. There's been a steady pick of porgies all over the bay with fish increasing in sizes. Some palm size lafayettes around also on worm and clam. Crabbing has been slow. The bay is loaded with snappers and small blues. Fair fluking on spearing and squid at the Cross Bay Bridge. Some bass being caught there also and at Motts Creek at the end in the brackish water.

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L.I.F. subscriber Bruce Rothstein, left, and Capt. Mike Brumm of the Sheepshead Bay charter boat Daybreaker, show several of the many weaks taken on a recent trip to the Tin Can Grounds. Photo courtesy of Stella Maris.

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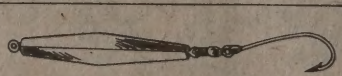

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both tides, large bluefish and a sprinkling of large weaks and teen bass going for large chunks at night. Fluking has been okay from the bridge on killies and spearing and also in Mill Basin at buoys 7 and 9. Gene O'Reilly of Broad Channel rang the bell with a 10¾ lb. fluke on a chunk bounced along the bottom off Breezy Point.

J-Bay Boat Rental reported nice size fluke now at Silver Hole and from Mott Basin to the train trestle on killie-squid combos. Crabs have been very good, particularly in Thurston Basin. Bluefish of all size are going great guns in the bay. Smaller fish on tins, larger on chunks. Sand porgies are swarming.

To the west in **Sheesphead Bay,** Neil **at Stella Marris Bait and Tackle** tells of plenty of weakfish at the Tin Can averaging 8 lbs., going up to 12, plus a lot of 2-4 lb. blues. Fluking has been a good item with Neil weighing in an 11½ lber. on Saturday taken off the Coney Island flats on spearing and squid. On Ed Nero's Meant to Be, Ed, Arnie Iiovino and Joe DiRaffaele on Monday hooked and landed an 800 lb. tiger shark at Monster Ledge. It took 3½ hrs. to boat this 11½' long beast.

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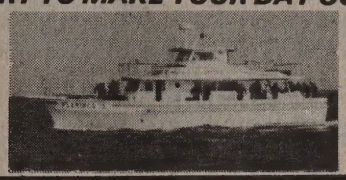

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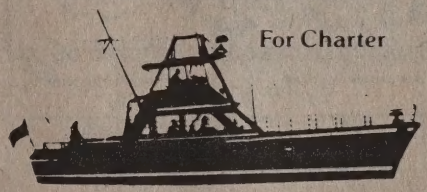

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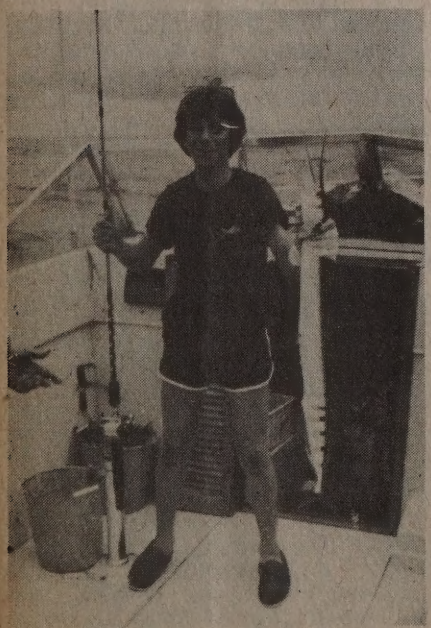

Fourteen-year-old Peter Drogin shows the houndfish he caught and released while vacationing at Islamorada in the Florida Keys. Subscriber photo.

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North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

Fluke are in the news in this area, but porgies are missing except for boats that run east. Blues have faded, except for snappers which are everywhere. Saturday's weather provided good fishing conditions, but Sunday's strong southwest winds may have had a negative effect.

John's in **New Rochelle** discussed the generally slow local fishing there. Even Prospect Point was dead for blues and weaks. Boats are picking porgies, but fluking was good off Matinecock and Bayville beaches with catches of 8-10 fish between 2 and 4 lbs. the norm. The hot attractor this year seems to be the Peral Annihilator.

Sands and Prospect Points are good for fluke fishing now, according to John DiCuffa at **Jack's** on **City Island.** The only local porgies were sand sized, and blues have faded. There was a report of a flurry of weakfish action at night and in early morning hours off Execution. Tiger tails, squid and umbrella rigs all produced. Flounder were all over the area around Harts Island and Port Washington.

Dom Cerbone was finally into the porgy season, chasing fish in the one pound class with the **Apache** from **City Island.** Those who can cast away from the boat can pull 15-20 fish per fare. Occasional blackfish, flounder and fluke show up as bycatches.

There are snappers all over the **Glen Cove** area, according to Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop.** Below the snappers and around

Joe and Tom Sollock and Fred Vagts with a trio of nice weaks taken on diamond jigs off of Fort Salonga. Photo courtesy of Bowman's Sporting Goods.

Joe, Tony and Lou with a mess of blues taken in Long Island Sound aboard the private boat, Georgia B II.

them are slightly larger cocktail blues, while beach anglers enjoy occasional blitzes on choppers to 5 or 6 lbs. Cold Spring Harbor is worth a shot for porgies, and worm trollers like M. Johnson and Pete Bailey are taking their share of small bass. A few weaks have been pulled by those who liveline small bunker.

Joe Fink has been running the **Lady Lil III** up to Smithtown Bay for blues, mostly fish in the 1-3 lb. class. Sunday's action featured fish up to 6 lbs., however. AVA 27s were the hot number, and those who fished high speed conventional reels or big spinners were at a distinct advantage. Catches ranged all the way up to the 50s per fare. Sid Tauber was high hook Sunday with 40 blues, and Sean Driscoll won Saturday's big pool. Fish are in 10' to 40' of water.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Generally good weekend weather allowed boat fishermen to get a good shot at the bluefish; porgy pros continue to score with some exceptionally large fish mixed with the local schools, and fluke reports show steady action.

Blues are the stable items all the way from Crab Meadow to Makamha, according to George Valentine at **4 Winds** in **Huntington.** Some 4-6 lb. fish mix with the 2-3 lb. stuff. Fluke in the same zone and off Lloyds run 2½ to 4 lbs.

The Cedars at **Huntington Prop** saw Adam Miller come in Sunday with a nice catch of 6 keeper fluke to 4 lbs., while Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** was raving about the biggest porgies he's ever seen. Clam or worm baits work on these scup, but clam chum is a must. 4 Winds weighed one humpback at 2 lb. 15 oz.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** suggests searching for blues by trolling, unless a fishfinder points out the schools. Given the electronics, then diamond jigging is the way to go. One 5½ lb. fluke, taken on a jelly worm, was weighed in this

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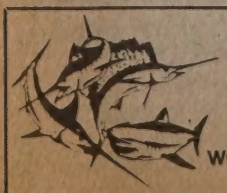

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week, and snappers are now in the Northport harbors.

Billy Collins told us that the **Ever Ready, Packy IV** and the **Broker** were banging the bluefish in the Crab Meadow area. Dolores Schmitt had nearly 50 fish on Monday, and teamed with friends to produce three times that number on Tuesday. Fred Wheeler also scored with some 50 choppers. The Packy IV had one haul of 237 for 4, while the Broker managed 80 on a 6 man charter. The **Klondike VIII** has been sailing up to fish the same area. A few weakfish and bonito were mixed with the bluefish catches.

Hank Olsen of the **Captain Hank** tells us that the blues east of the Nissequogue can be found in 80-100' of water, and the **Aqua Gem** has been into 3-4 lb. chaoppers in steady action all week. Average catches are 10-20 fish per fare with high scores between 20 and 40.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** noted porgies by Oldfield now, rather than off Buoy 11, but said that these scup are smaller. Fluking is good off Mount Misery with good per boat catches around 15. Top fluke this went went 6½ lbs. Snappers have moved in and many 2 lb. choppers are to be found around Buoy 11.

Dick Brown at **Dick's** in **Mount Sinai** liked the fluking off Miller Place Beach, the Tower, and Sound Beach, with the outgoing tide best on an offshore wind. Catches to 10-15 keepers per boat are possible. Local blues are everywhere and 30 fish per angler is about the norm. Beach anglers are doing well on the small blues, too.

NORTH FORK

Lovely weather at the tail end of the week helped anglers to some excellent porgy and fluke catches. Sunday's strong Southwesterlies cut down the Peconic and Gardiners action, however.

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** tipped us off about fluking off Mattituck Inlet, and the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** confirmed reports that fluke in sizes up to 2½ lbs. were in the area. Porgy fishing continues to please many small boat fans working the Firing Range and off the Motel. Outgoing water was best for fluke on Friday, but the last of the incoming produced on Saturday; then the action died. Anglers can count on roughly one honest keeper for every three fish and there do not seem to be any large fluke around. Spearing and strip or just spearing wee seem to be the best baits. Catches of 10-15 keeper fluke per boat are about average for one tide, but twice that many is a possibility for sharpies.

Porgies in the North Race run 1 to 1¼ lbs., according to Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk,** but numbers are generally good. Mixes of porgies and summer weaks can be found between the White House on Nassau Point and Buoy 1, with

Chris Richard and two blackfish, the largest a 6 lber., taken from the beach in Cutchogue. Subscriber photo.

Roses producing some weaks to 4 lbs. along with catches of 80 or more porgies. Chumming is a must.

Ace Cotrral wasn't seeing any blues or weaks near the **Orient Point** station of the **Port of Egypt,** but fluking there was quite good. Porgies can be found anywhere from Pettys to the Light, along with flounder and small blackfish. Cottral also said that the Deep Hole in Southold Bay now held weaks and that there were some weaks under the small 1 lb. blues off Jessups. Diamond jigging with 4 oz. was the standard there.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** felt that the fluke off the Ruins at Gardiners were somewhat larger than those in the Sound. Small blues were also available there. Most anglers last week were catching all the fluke they wanted on the ebb with large spearing. Some larger blues to 10 lbs. were taken from the Race by boats traveling further East. The **Blue Albatross** recorded catches of 150 fluke for the 30 anglers of the Bluebird Fishing Club, along with Jerry Velk's 5 lb. flattie. Sunday's catch amounted to 75 fish for 22 anglers under windy conditions. Richie Jensen told us that the **Nancy Ann** was seeing catches of some 150 fluke for parties of 15 anglers with 75% keepers, but no big fish over 3 lbs. The flood tide produced nicely on Saturday.

George Porter of the **Brand X** found the flood to be tough on porgy anglers off Gardiners on Sunday, but Friday and Saturday were much better. Better porgy sizes can be found in the deep 50' waters of the Sound, with some scup running 2¾ lbs. or better. The very best conditions give anglers a change of tide around noon, with the ebb giving anglers a wider range of places to fish around Gardiners.

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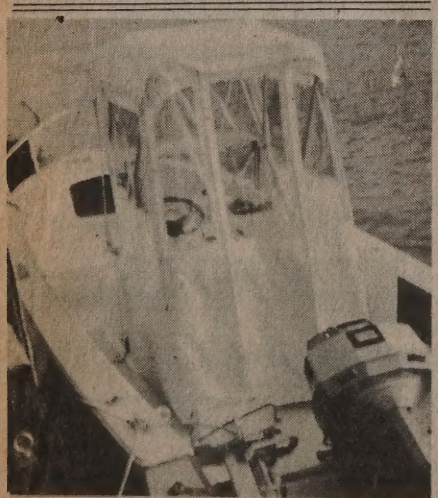

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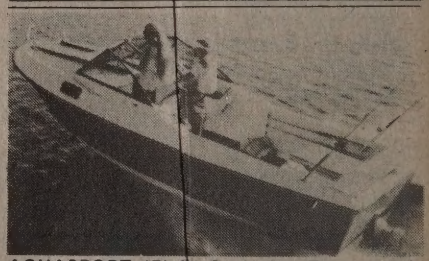

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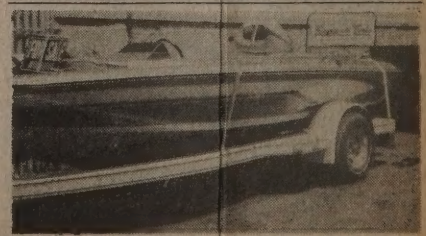

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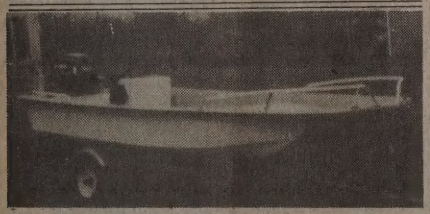

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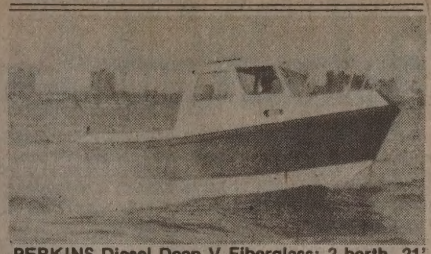

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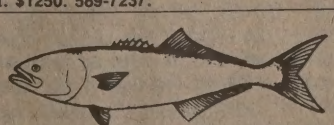

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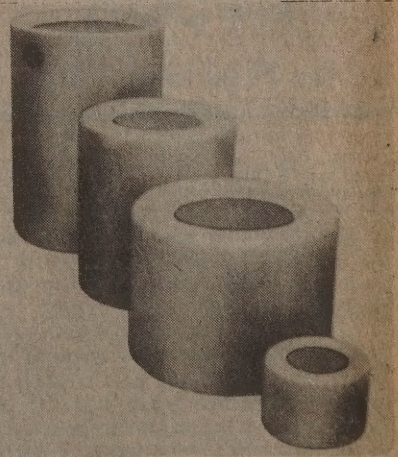

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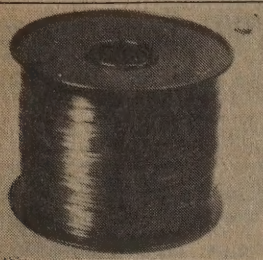

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Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

The highlight of this week's report involves a gluttonous 42 pound striper which fell victim to a rodless swimmer at Montauk's Hither Hills State Park. As related by Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, Richard Paschel of Maspeth was looking for no more than a refreshing swim when he noticed a large striper lazing on the surface just beyond the surf line. Following his instincts, the bathing suit clad swimmer swam over to the fish and proceeded to wrestle it to shore. The reason for the big cow's nearly helpless state became evident once the fish was ashore. It seems a large sun dial had become lodged in the stripers gullet. As for actual rod and reel action, small blues remain the dominant figure in the L.I. scene. Here's how things shaped up.

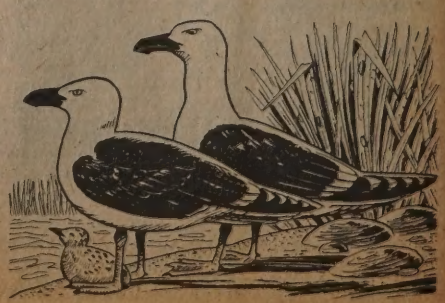
Along the western south shore, Great Kills Park remains very good for small blues according to Kevin Koncelik of **Santo's Sport Shop** in Staten Island. Weaks are in the same area after dark but sandworms are required to get at them. For those looking to throw plugs, piers 8 & 12 have been producing weaks from 9 to 10 pounds and blues up to 12 pounds in the early morning hours. Yellow diving swimming plugs like the Danny, Gibbs or Creek Chub have been producing fish. Down at South Beach big blues have been falling to bunker chunks on outgoing water.

The only reports available for the rest of the South Shore between here and Fire Island involve an occasion big bass on bunker chunks from the Rockaway jetties and small bluefish moving in and out of the surf at West End, Democrat Point and Sore Thumb. At times, weaks are mixed with the blues at Democrat and the Thumb. Most of the action has been on small tins or 007 jig and tube combos.

The story was the same in the Shinnecock/Southampton area according to Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Small blues have put in appearances along the Ocean Beach on both sides of the inlet as well as at the Inlet jetties. No word on beach caught stripers although boats working Shinnecock Inlet have been livelining fish in recent days.

Richard Paschel's 42 pound striper is not the only big bass looked over by Johnny Kronuch this week. George Delecki had a 30 pound bass while his partner Ted Shane had a 24 to go with a pair of 15 pounders. These fish came from the south side as did 10 weaks up to 10 pounds found in fron t of the transformers by Bob Michelson on Sunday. Bob took these fish on tin. A few blues one day during the week at Hither Hills rounded out the southside action while up front remained quiet. Most of the attention at Montauk is being directed along Gin Beach and Shagwong where weakfish in the 6-10 pound class continue to please casters throwing 5½ inch Redfins. A few short bass are mixed with the weaks which have been moving up and down the beach and are being taken throughout outgoing water.

Little to report in the way of surf news along the North Shore, except to say that when conditions are right small blues have been available at Caumsett, Makamah, Crab Meadow, Sunken Meadow, Cedar Beach, Rocky Point and along North Fork beaches. Strong Northeaster late in the week created poor conditions into the weekend discouraging most casters from even working the North Shore.



High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	1:35	2:10	2:15	3:00	1:55	2:40	3:20	3:50	4:50	5:20	5:05	5:30	1:45	2:20	8/12
FRI.	2:35	3:15	3:15	4:05	2:55	3:45	4:25	4:55	5:55	6:20	6:05	6:35	2:45	3:25	8/13
SAT.	3:45	4:20	4:25	5:10	4:10	4:55	5:30	5:55	7:05	7:25	7:10	7:40	3:50	4:25	8/14
SUN.	5:00	5:25	5:35	6:10	5:30	6:00	6:30	6:55	8:20	8:40	8:15	8:40	4:55	5:25	8/15
MON.	6:05	6:30	6:40	7:10	6:35	7:05	7:30	7:50	9:40	9:55	9:20	9:40	5:55	6:20	8/16
TUE.	7:05	7:25	7:40	8:05	7:40	8:00	8:25	8:45	10:50	11:00	10:20	10:40	6:50	7:15	8/17
WED.	7:55	8:15	8:35	9:00	8:30	8:50	9:20	9:40	11:40	–	11:15	11:35	7:40	8:05	8/18
THUR.	8:45	9:00	9:25	9:50	9:20	9:40	10:10	10:30	12:00	12:35	–	12:05	8:30	8:55	8/19

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

8/13	6:05	8:03
8/14	6:06	8:02
8/15	6:08	8:00
8/16	6:09	7:59
8/17	6:10	7:58
8/18	6:11	7:56
8/19	6:12	7:55

Moonrise/Moonset

8/13	12:24AM	3:02PM
8/14	1:06AM	4:12PM
8/15	1:57AM	5:19PM
8/16	2:56AM	6:20PM
8/17	4:03AM	7:12PM
8/18	5:16AM	7:56PM
8/19	6:30AM	8:34PM

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NEW	1st Qtr	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/19	8/26	8/4	8/12

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:50	5:40	—	6:05
Fri.	12:20	6:25	12:35	6:55
Sat.	1:05	7:20	1:30	7:50
Sun.	2:05	8:15	2:25	8:45
Mon.	3:00	9:15	3:25	9:45
Tues.	4:00	10:10	4:20	10:45
Wed.	5:00	11:05	5:15	11:35
Thurs.	5:50	11:55	6:10	—

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